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MR AMORY'S SUCCESS

THE British public has, for a long time been suffering from a spate of forecasts made by those "in the know" about the timing of the general elections and the outcome of the Budget. It is now generally conceded that the May election forecasts have been wrong in their predictions, but the general consensus of opinion that there would be taxation reductions on a generous scale when Mr Heathcoat Amory presented his Budget has proved correct.

Lively debate on how the reductions should be applied was inevitable. The main question most commentators discussed was not whether there should be relief this year, but how large it should be. The Opposition, of course, argued that any reduction would be in the form of a sop for the electorate.

Substantial

As it has turned out the tax reliefs have been substantial, particularly when compared with the minor reductions since the war and there is no doubt that they will prove of benefit to the individual and industry as a whole.

Britain has long been accustomed to successive credit squeezes; austerity budgets have been the order of the day since the end of the war. Now some of the post-war credits, a very sore point, are to be repaid. There is a reduction in income tax. There is a reduction in the price of beer and there is the restoration of investment allowances in respect of capital expenditure.

The Budget, is therefore, generally hailed as an achievement worthy of a liberal-minded Chancellor. There have been complaints, but the other parliamentary party leaders have been hard put to find convincing arguments of sufficient importance to impress the man in the street.

Pubs Benefit?

THE Liberal leader, Mr Jo Grimond, could only describe the Budget as a "benefit for the pubs." Possibly Mr Grimond was taken off balance because it is hardly likely that either the pubs or the breweries will benefit to the extent of the implication. Mr Gaiskill made few comments, mainly endeavouring to blame the Government for its "black economy."

Britain's economic position now is better than it has been for many years because of the Government's realistic attitude towards the country's domestic and foreign affairs. If this had not been so then the Chancellor could not have produced a Budget which consolidates an achievement built up on sound financial methods which have been pursued over the last two years.

If this Budget is a failure then we would like to know what constitutes success. Certainly later in the week the Conservatives were successful in the Galloway by-election with a majority enough to worry Mr Gaiskill.

NEW U.S. ROCKET IN ORBIT WILL SEND BACK CAPSULE TO EARTH

Vandenberg, April 13.

The United States today put into orbit a scientific satellite containing a capsule designed to re-enter the earth's atmosphere and be snatched up in mid-air by air force planes. The announcement came a little more than two hours after the 7-storey, 50-ton rocket had climbed into the heavens.

Nixon Is Favoured For President



New York, April 13. A poll sponsored by the mass-circulation American weekly Look magazine, published today indicated that the majority of the Republican party leaders in the United States prefer Vice-President Richard Nixon to Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York as the nation's next President.

In reply to Look's questionnaire, sent to 2,265 local Republican party chiefs across the United States, 1,374 out of 1,857 favoured Nixon, compared to some 400 replies supporting Rockefeller, a 75 per cent majority for the Vice-President.

Rockefeller's supporters were mostly localised in the southern states, the enquiry showed. Nixon netted most support in the Middle West and Pacific Coast—France-Press.

A spokesman said the orbit of the 440-pound "moon" took it 445 miles from earth at the farthest point. It is 156 miles up at its closest point.

Scientists estimated the satellite would complete its spiral from the top to the bottom of the world in about 94.2 minutes.

Film Packs

The satellite, called Discoverer II, included a 105-pound recovery capsule or re-entry vehicle containing five film packs to measure cosmic ray radiation in outer space.

The plan was to shoot the full 440-pound "payload" in orbit around the earth. Then, when sufficient orbital data had been collected, an attempt would be made to detach the 195-pound re-entry vehicle from the satellite and bring it back through the earth's atmosphere.

No Decision

A United States Air Force spokesman said no decision on any recovery bid would be made before tomorrow at the earliest.

He stressed however, that the chances of recovering the capsule were "extremely remote," 1,000 to one, as one official put it.

Discoverer II is an improved version of the satellite which went into orbit from Vandenberg on February 23 but was believed to have stayed up only a week.

Slow Down

At the signal from the ground, explosive bolts and springs would separate the recovery capsule. Then a so-called retro-rocket in the capsule would fire to slow it down to enable it to re-enter the earth's atmosphere without burning up.

When the capsule reached a certain altitude a switch operated by the forces of deceleration would release a parachute which would slow it down further.

The plan would be for the re-entry vehicle to come down near Hawaii. Eight twin-engined air force planes would

then have 10 minutes in which to find it—by homing on its radio beacon—and snatch it up in mid-air by means of a trapeze apparatus suspended beneath the aircraft.

Haul In

"The system was not to catch it in a net but to swing the 'trapeze' bar against the capsule's parachute lines, and then to haul it in."

The Discoverer II launching vehicle is more than 78 feet long and its second stage—over 19 feet long—Reuter.

Attempt Fails

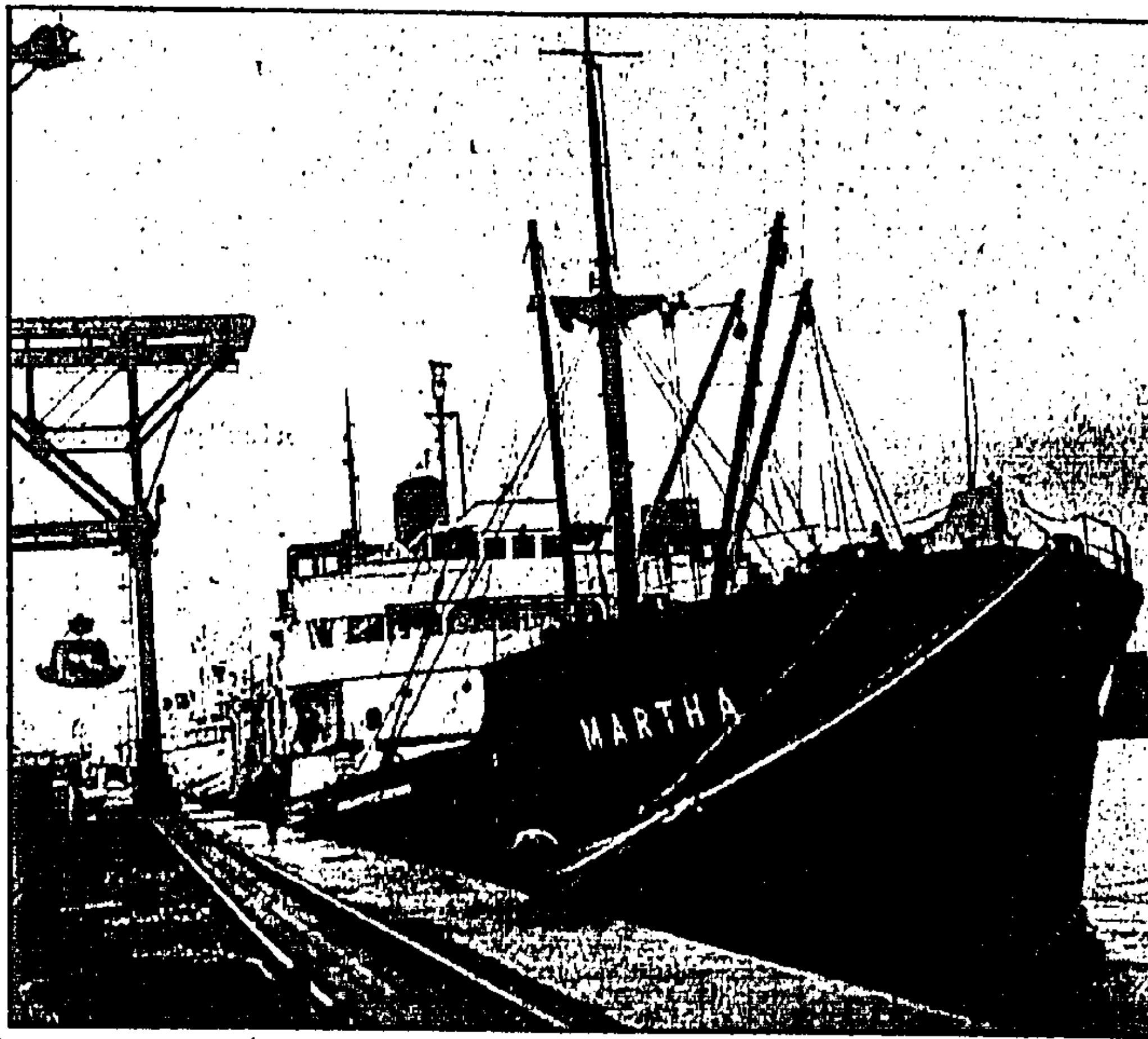
Cape Canaveral, April 13. Later another Vanguard rocket failed tonight in an attempt to launch two new U.S. satellites in one firing in a unique two-in-one experiment.—U.P.I.

Comet Again Returns

Buenos Aires, April 13. A Comet four jetliner of Aerolineas Argentinas in its first trip from New York had to return to Porto Alegre, Brazil, after flying 15 minutes over Ezeiza airport on encountering unfavourable weather conditions.

Yesterday the Comet had to return to Rio de Janeiro an hour after leaving because of weather conditions over the River Plate area.—U.P.I.

NATO AGENTS STOP ORE SMUGGLING



The tramp steamer Martha, owned by the impressive sounding Compania de Navegacion Martha Limitada, de Costa Rica, looked innocent enough as she was loading 7,500 tons of strategically valuable boric ore at the Turkish port of Bandirma for—officially—France.

But Nato secret agents, alarmed at the amount of strategic

materials being smuggled behind the Iron Curtain, were suspicious.

The Martha was shadowed. As soon as she passed the Dardanelles, the captain received unexpected wireless orders from his owners: proceed straight to Wiemar, in East Germany.

The captain obeyed; but a US destroyer was already on the way to make an arrest, and under instructions from the Greek Government, the Greek-registered ship was sailed under escort to Piraeus, and confiscated.

This picture shows the Martha in Piraeus harbour. The ore, valuable in the construction of guided missiles, is already being unloaded.

Big New British Film Combine

London, April 13. A powerful new film combine was announced today by Sir Michael Balcon, who made some of Britain's most successful films and the name of Ealing Studios known to cinemagoers throughout the world. Eleven top film producing teams have formed themselves into a "co-operative" under his chairmanship.

They have formed their own distributing organisation and will make and sell their own films.

Sir Michael, 62, left Ealing Films last year, after a 20-year association during which he made such box office hits as "The Blue Lamp," "The Ladykillers" and "The Lavender Hill Mob" and such epics as "The Cruel Sea" and "Dunkirk."

He said then that he had not finished making films. British Lion, the government-controlled film company, is giving the new combine important backing by putting its distribution resources at their disposal.

British Lion has for long been the major outlet for independent film production in this country.—Reuter.

U.S. CHARGE AGAINST HK FIRM DENIED Alleged Payment Of Money

A local transportation firm this morning denied a U.S. Congress sub-committee's allegation that an American official had received US\$500 from them, just before the firm was awarded a US\$275,000 contract to provide tugs and barges for a U.S. foreign aid project in Laos.

Washington, April 13. In Congressional Sub-committee it was alleged that an American official received US\$500 from a Hongkong firm which was later awarded a \$275,000 contract to provide tugs and barges for a U.S. foreign aid project in Laos.

The official was a former transportation officer of the international co-operation administration mission in Laos.

The firm named was Pacific Island Shipbuilding Co, a division of the Hongkong transportation Co, which won the contract two and a half years ago.

The sub-committee Chairman, Mr Porter Hardy alleged that four American firms who wanted to bid on the barge and tug contract were "frozen out" because of a "quicks" deadline which only foreign companies in the Far East could meet.

Mr Hardy said the ICA mission ignored an order from its Washington Headquarters to extend the bidding deadline so the American firms could qualify.

However, Carter Depaul, former Chief of the ICA mission in Laos, said the "urgency" of the project made the action necessary.

He said the tugs and barges were needed to ferry goods across the Mekong River from Thailand to Laos. He

said it was his judgment that the boats could be built faster and cheaper locally.—U.P.I.

In an official statement this morning the Hongkong Transportation Company said:

"The \$500 referred to was in fact, paid to the official by the Hongkong Transportation Company, but it was a legitimate reimbursement of local currency amounts advanced personally by the latter to the present Managing Director of Pacific Islands Shipbuilding Company Limited, during a tour through Saigon, Vietnam, Tourane, Laos and Bangkok, during the period July 24, to August 4, 1956.

The statement added, "These facts can be confirmed from the records of the Hongkong Transportation Company. Accordingly, the report contained in the Congressional Sub-committee's charges is completely without foundation."

This morning, Mr J. H. Vaughan, Manager of the Pacific Islands Shipbuilding Company, agreed with the comment made by Mr Carter Depaul, former Chief of the ICA, about the urgency of the project.

"I agree 100 per cent with him there, because four and a half months after the contract was signed the tugs and barges were in operation on the Mekong River, and that is pretty quick work."

Election 'Before Long'

London, April 13. Mr Derrick Heathcoat Amory, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, indicated in the House of Commons tonight that Britain would be having a parliamentary general election "before long".

He was replying to a four-day debate on his budget proposals, which include concessions to taxpayers amounting to £386 million.

Replying to Labour criticism on how these reliefs were distributed, the Chancellor said: "We shall, before long, have

an opportunity of seeing which approach—that of the Labour party or ourselves—commands itself most to the people of this country."

Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, former Labour Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said the opposition would later in the month move a vote of censure on the Government for not giving any benefits to old age and other pensioners, but there was no vote tonight.

Mr Gordon-Walker said the Chancellor must have a "heart of stone" not to give anything to the old age pensioners in a year when he could distribute over £380 million in reliefs.—Reuter.

This "Photo" Made Headlines 70 Years Ago



Today the China Mail reprints a picture, which made headlines in 1689.

The story of the flood—one of the two big storm disasters the Colony has suffered since it was founded—is told in today's 25 Years Ago which republishes an article by "Colonial" who wrote the "Old Hongkong" column in 1934.

This picture, reprinted in the London Graphic, shows Zealand Street after the drain at the top end became congested and burst. More pictures are published on Page 15.

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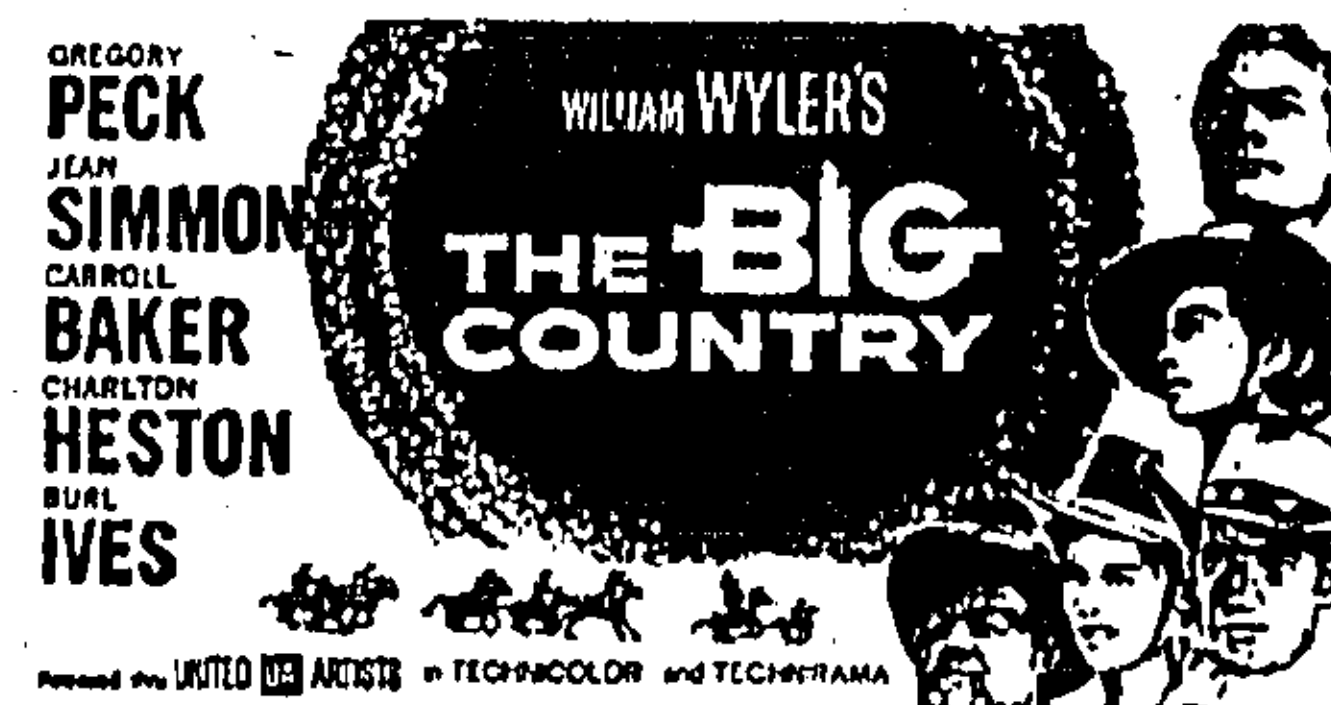
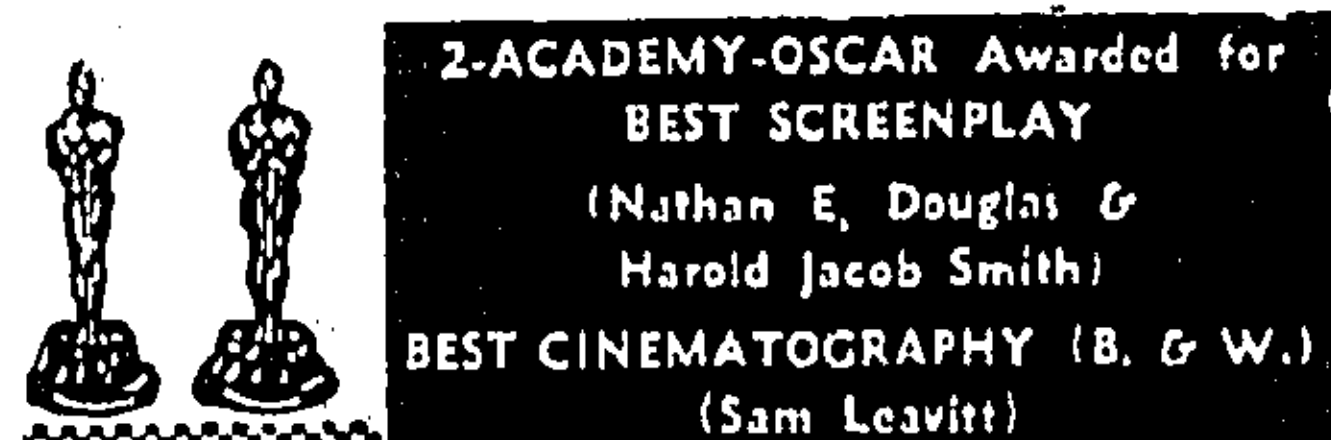
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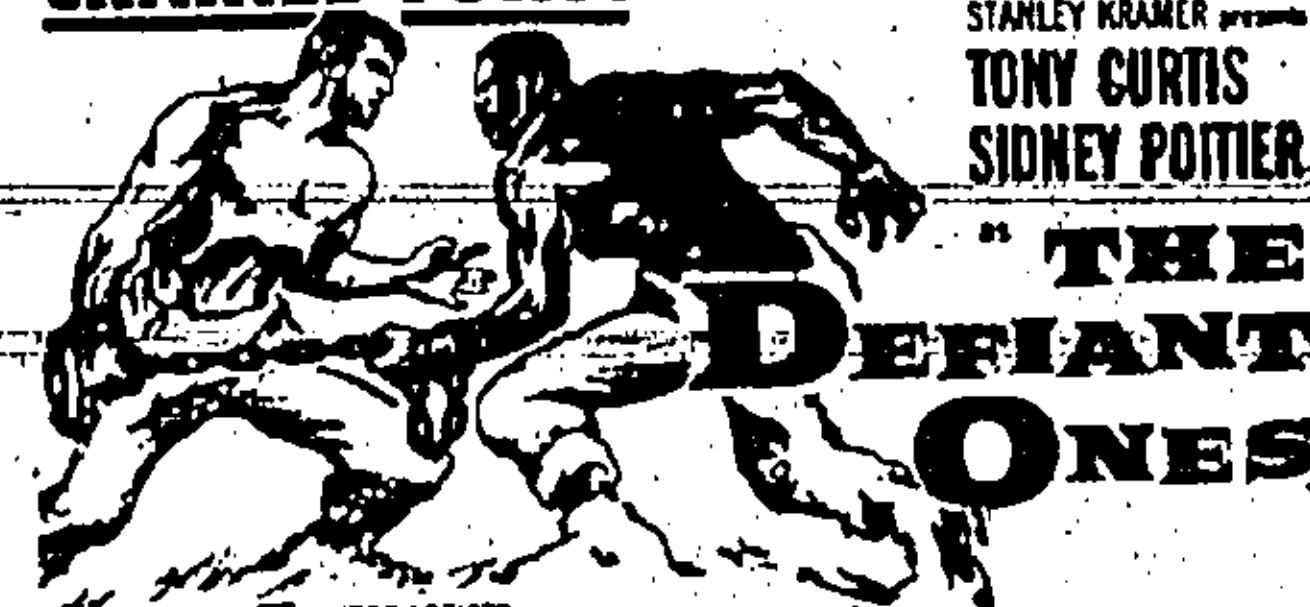
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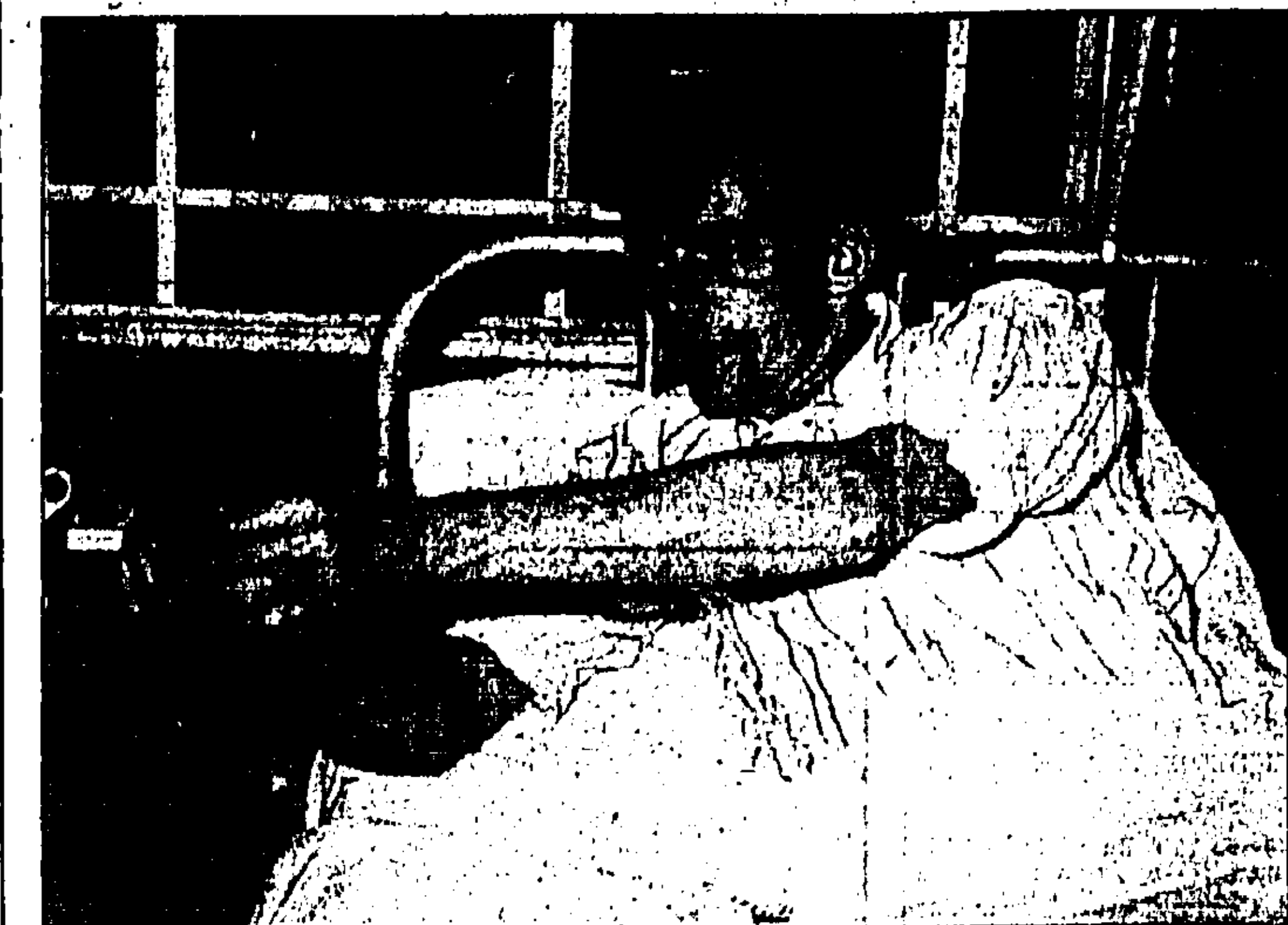
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New Burmese Elections By Next April

Rangoon, April 13.
New Burmese elections will take place "by next April at the latest," a spokesman for General Ne Win's caretaker Government told United Press International today.In defining the aims of the Ne Win Government, Colonel Ne Win said:
"The Government does not plan to form any far-reaching policy so far as the economy of the country is concerned though we may initiate such policy where security is concerned."
"The only goal we have in mind is to make our country safe for democracy. Totalitarianism in any form or shape is contrary to our constitution."NOT ALWAYS USED
So far General Ne Win's Government has stayed strictly within the Burmese constitution and key men in the Government indicate they intend to keep it that way.Supporters of the Government hasten to point out that many of the powers which have been used since Ne Win became Prime Minister "have always been there." But they say they were not frequently used before for political reasons.
Between now and next April "top priority" is to be given to the restoration of peace and order in the country, a spokesman said.

To achieve this end it is essential on the part of Ne Win's Government to suppress or eradicate various kinds of crime and insurgency which have been ravaging the country for the past 10 years.—U.P.I.

Big Seato Exercise

Singapore, April 13.
Thirty fighting ships from five nations will slip out of the Singapore harbour at dawn tomorrow for the biggest Seato maritime exercise yet held.A naval communiqué said 30 ships from the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal New Zealand Navy, the U.S. Navy, the Royal Thai Navy and the French Navy will take part.
The ships, including submarines and three aircraft carriers, have been assembled at the Singapore naval base for the opening of the exercise, dubbed "Sea Dragon".Shore-based aircraft of the same five powers will converge on the area to co-operate with the naval forces.
Top planners of the five nations have been conferring on the best means of integrating the forces for mutual defence.THREE ADMIRALS
Three admirals taking part are Rear Admiral G.G.O. Gahere, Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet; Rear Admiral V.C. Begg, Flag Officer and Second in Command, Far East Station; and Rear Admiral E.E. Colestock, Commander of U.S. Carrier Division 17.—U.P.I.

26-year-old Alan Quay had promised his son Steven a snake as a pet. So it seemed like a golden opportunity when he and his working party spotted a 2 feet long specimen on the railway embankment near Rayleigh station, Essex. Everybody on the spot agreed it was a grass snake (Natrix Natrix, common in England) so he chased it, vainly. Three hours later, it came back; and this time Alan picked it up, but a sharp nip on the finger caused second thoughts, and he and his mates killed it. On his way home to Barkling, his finger began to swell, then his arm, then his tongue; by the time he got to Oldchurch hospital, Romford, he was critically ill. But he managed to describe the snake, immediately identified as an adder (Viperus Berus). An SOS was sent to the snake-serum bank at the North Middlesex Hospital, and a police car speeded across London with a curative dose. 14 hours later, Alan woke up in hospital with a splitting headache, a swollen finger, but an unshaken determination to get his son a snake — from a pet shop. Here Alan shows a visitor how the snake bit him.—Express Photo.

'International Court Should Be Strengthened'

New York, April 13.
Vice-President Richard Nixon today suggested a strengthening of the International Court at The Hague to deal with disputes between Communist and non-Communist powers.

But he added that all disputes "regarding domestic matters must remain permanently within the jurisdiction of our own courts."

In a speech prepared for the Academy of Political Science here, Mr Nixon said:
"Even though our dedication to strength will reduce sharply the chances of war by deliberate overt act, as long as the rule of force remains its paramount position as the final arbiter of international disputes, there will ever remain the possibility of war by miscalculation."

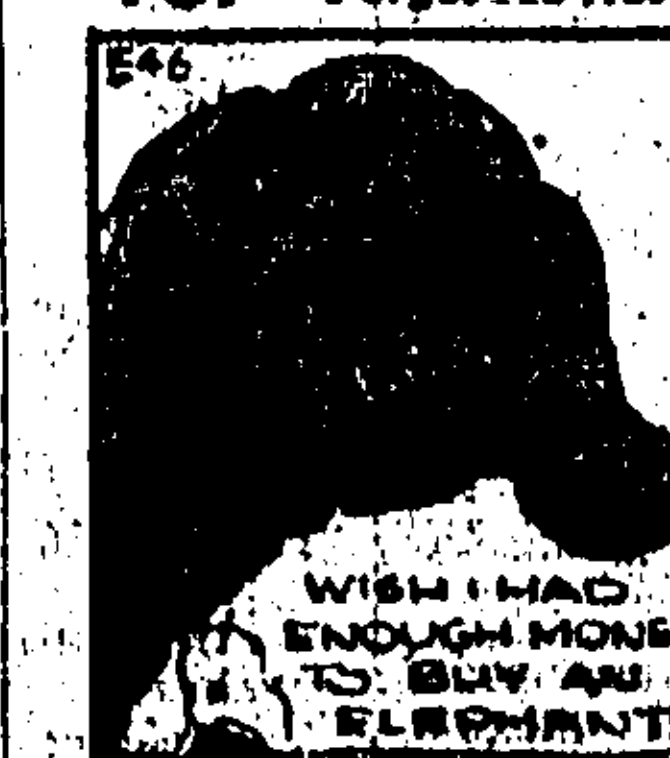
Precarious Balance

"If this sword of annihilation is ever to be removed from its precarious balance over the head of all mankind, some more positive courses of action than massive military deterrence must somehow be found."

Mr Nixon said the answer was to move toward substituting "the rule of law" for the "rule of terror."

The administration would shortly submit to Congress a proposal to modify the provision under which the United States decides for itself which matters are purely domestic and should not be taken before the world court.
If the court was strengthened, Mr Nixon said, it ought to be designated the arbiter of any future agreements between Western and Communist nations.

POP—Forget Me Not



7,000 Homeless

Rio de Janeiro, April 13.
More than 7,000 people have been flooded out of their homes after over a week of torrential rains in the Rio Grande Province of southern Brazil. It was learned here today.—France-Press.

SOON Delay Causing Concern

Washington, April 13.
President Eisenhower and Mr John Foster Dulles have again deferred a decision on the Secretary of State's future — but diplomats here feel that the decision cannot be delayed much longer.

Hitherto, there has been widespread support in Congress for the way in which the President and Mr Dulles have handled what has become a national dilemma. Democratic members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have joined with Republicans in warm references to the Secretary of State's courageous battle to overcome cancer.

For the most part members of the opposition party have agreed with the President that there should be a thorough and reliable medical estimate of Mr Dulles' condition before deciding whether he can return to the day-to-day conduct of the nation's foreign affairs.

Allied Policies

There is, however, considerable concern in many quarters about the effect on allied policies of continued delay.

Mr Dulles' sudden return to Walter Reed army hospital from Florida yesterday prepared many officials for a possible day of decision immediately. The sense of anticipation was heightened by President Eisenhower's simultaneous return from Augusta, Georgia, and his decision immediately to drive to the hospital to talk to Mr Dulles.

The day's developments, however, concluding with the White House announcement that no decision would be made pending additional medical evaluation, served to emphasize once more the President's own determination to utilize Mr Dulles' gifts as long as he possibly can.

Obviously, the President himself has not given up hope that Mr Dulles can come back at least temporarily to take part in the negotiations with the Soviet Union over Germany.

An Adviser.

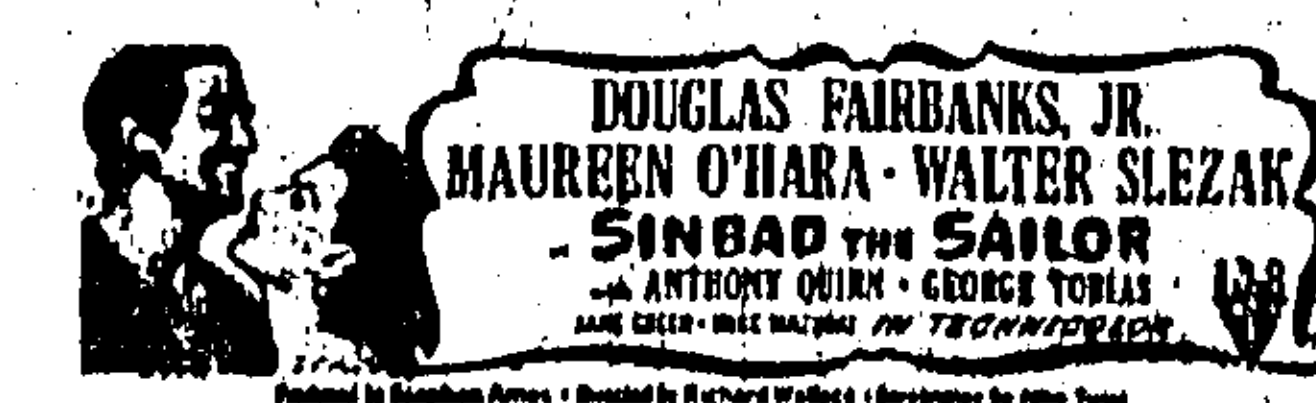
The President has repeatedly demonstrated that he considers Mr Dulles almost indispensable. The chances are that, even if Mr Dulles' health forces him to resign the secretaryship, the President will appoint him eventually to a post at the White House where he can act as a foreign affairs adviser.—Reuter.

Deer Saved By Sub

Stockholm.
A SMALL lonely fawn was rescued miraculously from drowning last week by a Swedish submarine which found it struggling for its life in the icy water channel leading to the naval base at Harsfjorden in the Stockholm archipelago.

The vessel, which was on its way to manoeuvres, stopped and sent out two men in a dinghy, brought the animal on board and returned to the base with its "shipwrecked" where it got first aid by willing hands.

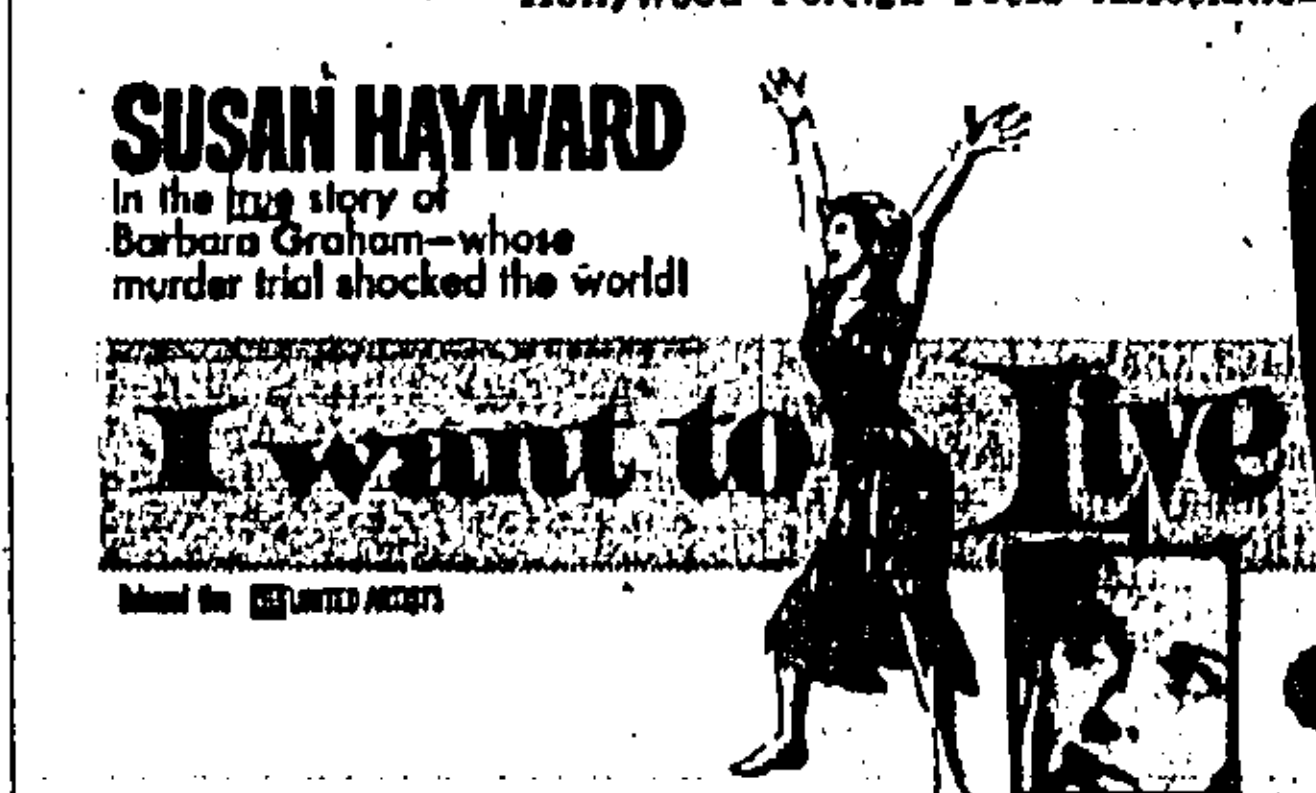
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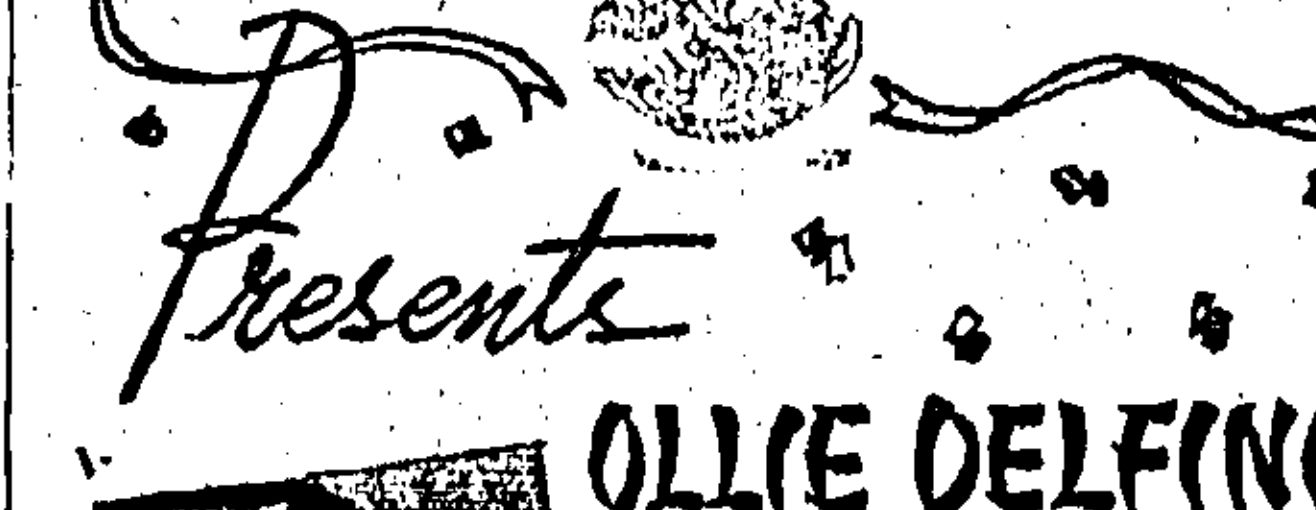
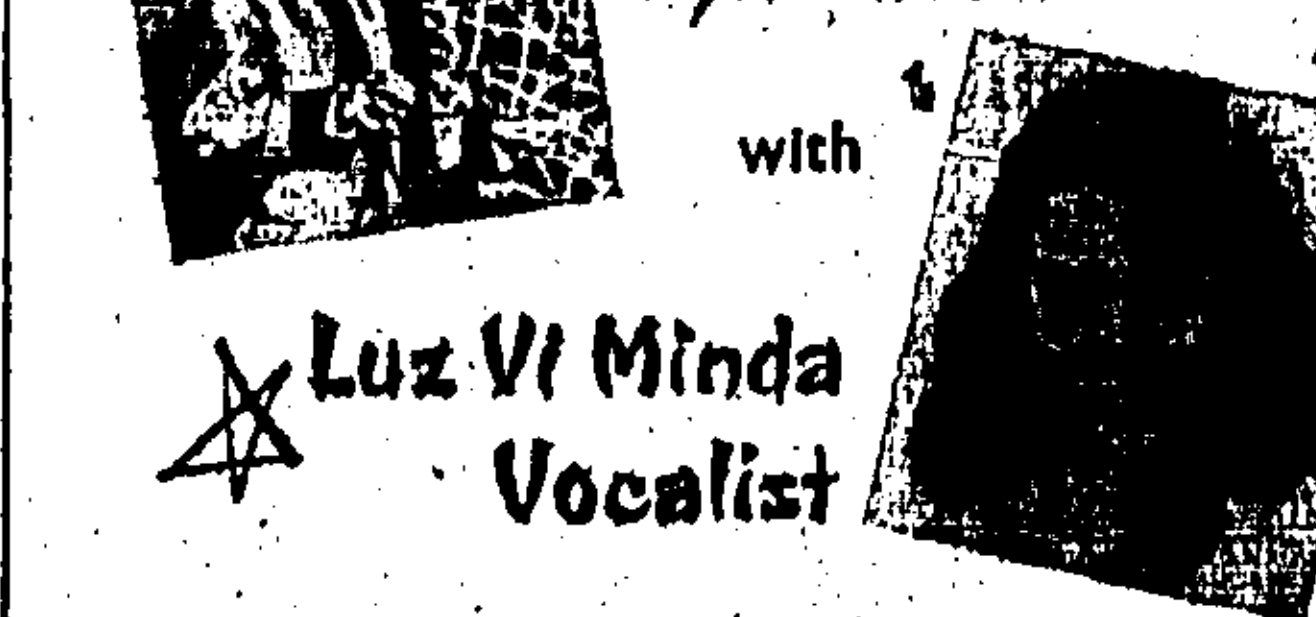
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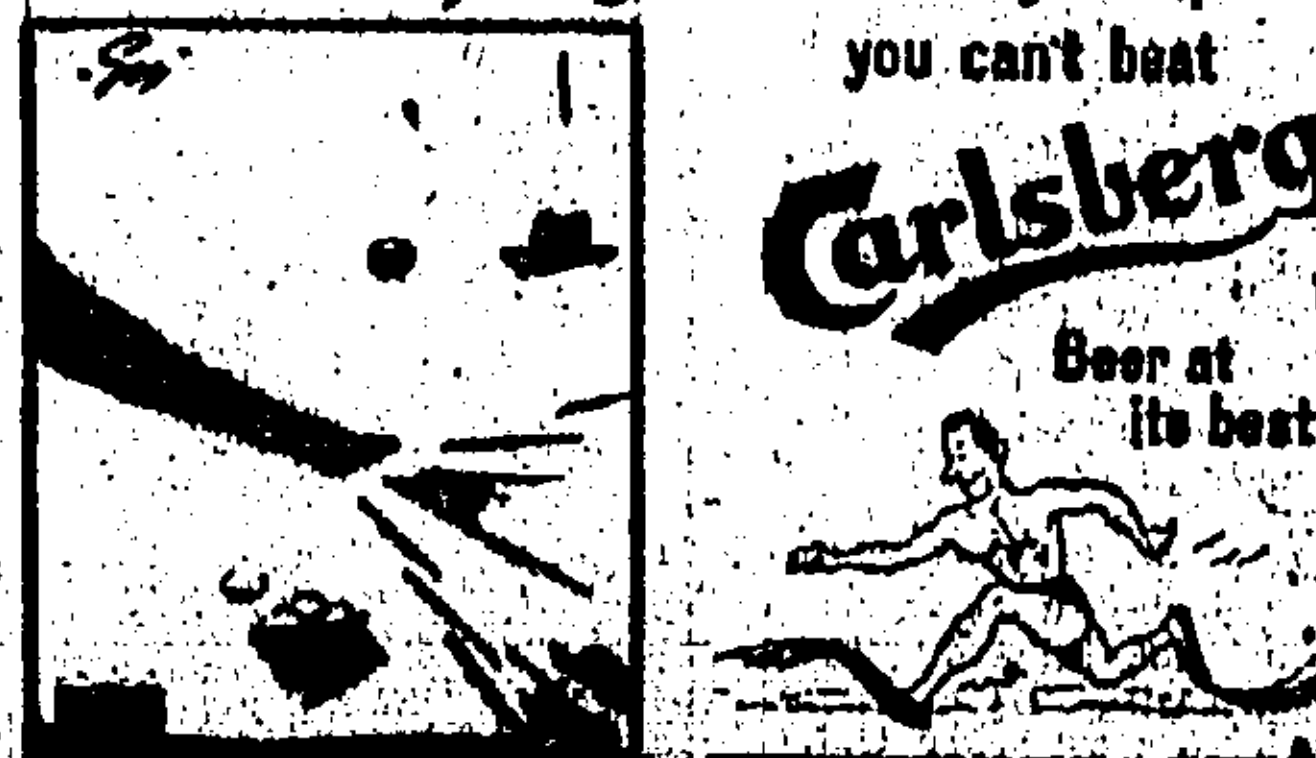
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"School Is Making A Man Of Charles"

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Philadelphia, April 13.

A "healthy father-son relationship" has developed between the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles, according to an article in today's Saturday Evening Post.



Prince Charles "Dulled"

It said this had been brought about by the young prince, heir to the throne, being educated with others of his own age at a preparatory school. The magazine article, entitled "Making a Man out of Charlie", declared: "Frankness compels the admission that Philip is not everybody's idea of an ideal father."

"The ways of young children tend to irritate him. But now that Charles is a sturdy, hero-worshipping man-in-the-making, Philip is glad to have him around."

Above a series of photographs showing various events in the life of the young prince, the magazine published this caption:

"England's 10-year-old future king used to be sheltered by court nannies and governesses. Now he is taking his knocks in the classroom and on the playing fields."

The article asserted that when Prince Charles first went to Cheam School he was bullied by some of the boys. Consequently he fought shy of his companions.

"Before he went to Cheam," it said, "Charles suffered from

Briton To Head U.S. Space Research

London, April 13.

One of the United States' largest aircraft firms has picked a British scientist to head its research programme of rocket launches designed to pave the way for space flight.

The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation announced in London that Mr Roy Smelt, 45, born in Durham, has been appointed manager of the "Discoverer" satellite programme of which they are the main contractors.

During World War II, Mr Smelt was in charge of the British scientists who examined German V-1 and V-2 rockets fired against England.

He also directed flight activities of the first British jet plane, and was at one time in command of all British missile development. After leaving Cambridge University Mr Smelt became an aerodynamics engineer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough in southern England.

Wind Tunnels

He pioneered "hot shot" wind tunnels in which it is possible to simulate the very high speeds and temperatures of a missile re-entering the atmosphere from space.

Mr Smelt crossed the Atlantic in 1948 to become Deputy Chief of the Aero-Ballistic Research Department of the United States Naval Ordnance Laboratory.

His wife, Marie Annita, and son David, now aged 13, went with him.

In two years he was chief of the Gas Dynamics Department at the U.S. Air Force Arnold Development Centre in Tullahoma, Tennessee, and he joined Lockheed in 1957.

He has been directing their space rocket programme at the Palo Alto Laboratory. The Discoverer project will involve a dozen space launches this year from the Vandenberg Air Force Base. Some will carry bio-medical specimens and recovery capsules to provide vital data needed to send a man beyond the earth's atmosphere and bring him back.—China Mail Special.

IT'S THE LATEST FOR MEN

(For A Country Jaunt)



The Men's Fashion Council forecast what the well dressed man-about-town will be wearing during the next twelve months at a preview of styles in London recently.

Here Tony Newton models a single breasted country suit of black, white and grey Glen check Scottish tweed, with scarlet over-check.

The waistcoat is of scarlet worsted barchetta.—Central Press Photo.

"Spy Not Going To Canada"

Ottawa, April 13.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said today he could find "no foundation" for a report that German-born atom spy Klaus Fuchs might come to Canada.

Mr Diefenbaker told the Commons in which he had asked all government departments to check the report carried by a London newspaper and had found nothing to substantiate it.

The paper, the Sunday Dispatch, said Fuchs had "half-promised" British officials he would work for the West when he completes a 14-year prison term for selling atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

Canada was suggested as the country in which Fuchs might work on nuclear projects.—U.P.I.

Dalai Lama Nears End Of Journey

Footfalls, North Assam, April 13.

Stringent security precautions imposed here today led local observers to believe the Dalai Lama would shortly set out on the last lap of his gruelling journey from Lhasa.

Some observers believed that within the next 24 hours the Tibetan "God-King" would drive the 70 miles to the town of Bomdila from Bomdila.

Detachments of the Assam rifles set up checkpoints here today where they examined the credentials of all travellers.

When journalists tried to question some of the riflemen who have recently returned from Bomdila, the soldiers were called away by their officers.—Reuter.

First "Heavy" Franc

Paris, April 13.

France's first "heavy" divorcee place will be struck at the National Mint here next Thursday in the presence of Finance Minister Antoine Pinay.—France-Press.

PM's Confer On Berlin Problem

London, April 13.

The Prime Ministers of Britain and France have reached "substantial agreement" on Berlin, German reunification and European security, authoritative sources said today.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and French Premier Michel Debre conferred for two hours 20 minutes this afternoon at No. 10 Downing Street on major cold war problems and the forthcoming East-West negotiations with the Soviet.

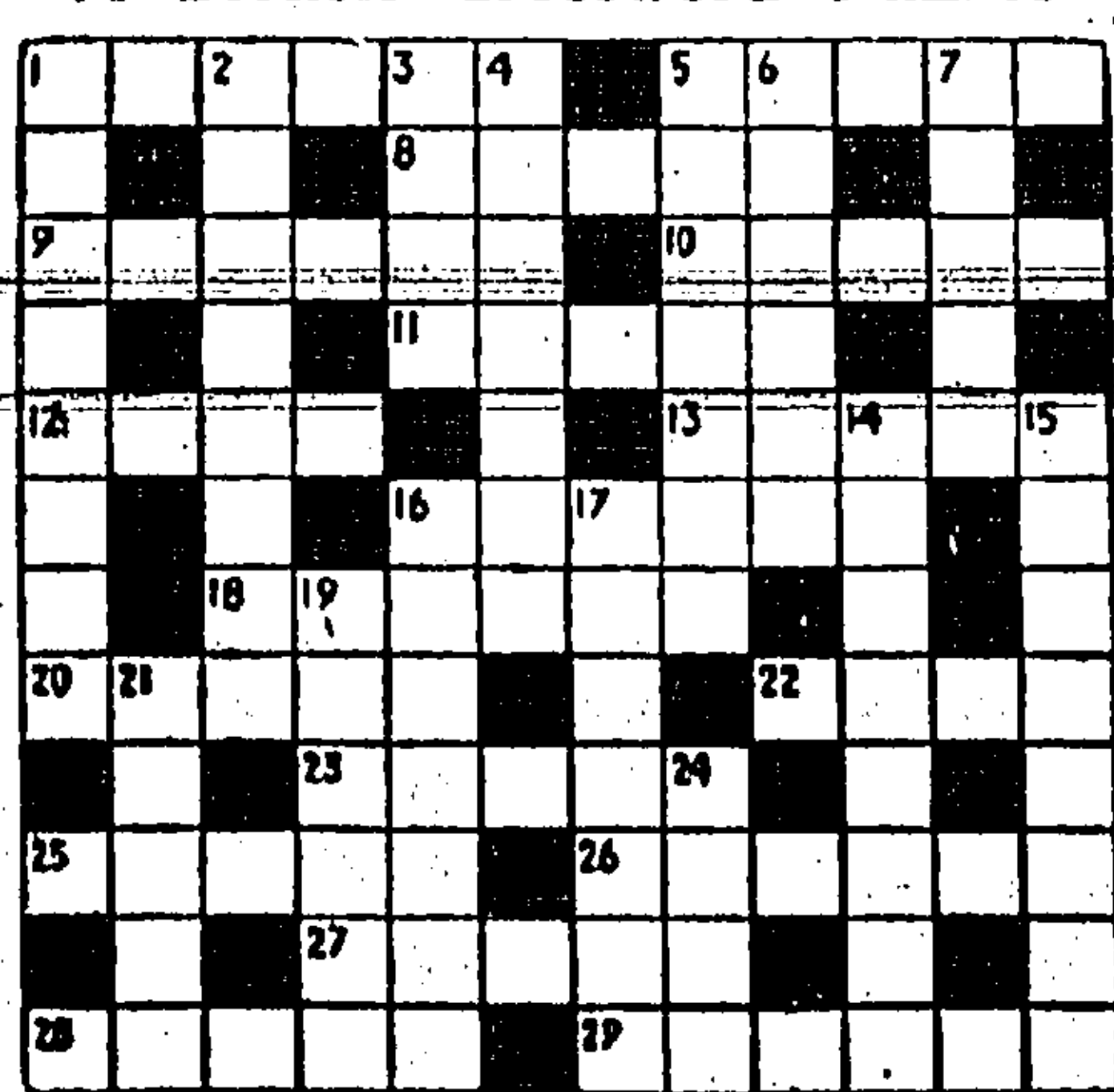
British and French Government spokesmen said afterwards that they had "a useful interchange of views on

European questions and the forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Union."

Authoritative sources said later that this afternoon's meeting dealt exclusively with Berlin, Germany and European security.

They said the talks showed "substantial agreement" between the two Prime Ministers on all major issues.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Tree (6).
- 2 Something to smoke (6).
- 3 Welsh girl's name (6).
- 4 Pertaining to Capricorn or Cancer (6).
- 5 Rustle (5).
- 6 Exclude (6).
- 7 Spot (4).
- 8 Intends (5).
- 9 Noisy (6).
- 10 Over-enthusias (5).
- 11 Wingless bird (4).
- 12 Shaking (6).
- 13 Stringed instrument (8).
- 14 Observe (6).
- 15 Best part (5).
- 16 Apart (5).
- 17 Blim (6).

DOWN

- 1 Samples (8).
- 2 Outlook (8).
- 3 Among (4).
- 4 Withdraws (7).
- 5 Sweetmeat (7).
- 6 Hardens (6).
- 7 Once more (6).
- 8 Aiming high (8).
- 9 Silt (6).
- 10 Meat ball (7).
- 11 Joins closely (7).
- 12 Cured (6).
- 13 Encourages (5).
- 14 Boy's name (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Spread, 5 Clasp, 8 Real, 9 Crates, 11 Uncle, 12 Drains, 14 Barn, 16 Erect, 18 Exile, 19 Brad, 20 Candid, 24 Teeth, 25 Tedium, 26 Even, 27 Dunes, 28 Repeat, Down: 1 Sack, 2 Road, 3 Area, 4 Design, 5 Cluster, 6 Accused, 7 Prolate, 10 Trial, 13 Merited, 14 Bitterness, 15 Reaches, 17 Rabel, 19 Banter, 21 Dene, 22 Dire, 23 Omit.

EVEREST MAN'S WEDDING OFF

Wellington, April 13.

The wedding of Mr George Lowe, a New Zealand member of Sir John Hunt's Everest expedition, and Miss Deborah, Sir John's former secretary, has been cancelled.

The engagement was announced on February 25 and they were to have been married in England next Saturday. Mr Lowe, 34, later official photographer to the British trans-Antarctic expedition led by Sir Vivian Fuchs, met Miss Deborah, 28, who has been employed by many expeditions on secretarial work, gave up her job with Sir John Hunt to get married.—China Mail Special.

Royal Romance

Brussels, April 13.

Prince Albert of Belgium slipped a large solitaire diamond ring on the finger of Princess Paola of Calabria while walking in the sunlit gardens of Laeken Palace today, to make their engagement official.

RING MAKES ENGAGEMENT OFFICIAL

The Princess already was wearing a pair of blue diamond earrings which she received this morning from Albert's

stepmother, the Princess de Rethy. Messengers called at the Royal Laeken Palace gates with hundreds of telegrams and bouquets of flowers from well-wishers.

The Princess, 24, and Prince, 21, married members of the Government, Parliament and the Press informally this afternoon.

"When will the wedding take place?" she was asked. "We have not decided yet," she said.—U.P.I.

RUSH FOR POLIO "JABS" SWAMPS LONDON CLINIC



Office workers, wanting inoculations against polio, swamped a clinic that was opened this month in the Guildhall, London.

The clinic was open to young people in the 15-26 age group. The rush for inoculations was so great that many had to return the next day.

The death recently of Birmingham footballer Jeff Hall has created a huge demand for the polio "jabs." This picture shows part of the huge queue outside the Guildhall.—Reuterphoto.

Minister Is Sleepers' Target

London, April 13.

Villagers living on the fringe of London Airport plan to rouse a Government Minister from his bed with protest telephone calls if proposed night jet flights by Pan American Airways wake them up.

Mr Harold Watkinson, the Transport Minister, and Mr A. Jackson-Kelly, the airline's European vice-president, are the victims chosen by the people of Longford (population: 3,084).

"If we are woken up, we'll feel like letting off steam," said Mr William Wood, chairman of the newly-formed Residents Association. "We'll telephone them every night if necessary." Longford lies at one end of the airport's number one runway. Boeing 707 flights to New York leaving London Airport at 1.30 a.m. G.M.T. are scheduled to start on April 27.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Civil Aviation said: "We have no comment except that we have not given permission for these flights."—China Mail Special.

"Paddle-Wheel" Satellite

Washington, April 13.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to launch in a month or two a "Paddle-Wheel Satellite" designed to use solar energy to run instruments for months at a time over planetary distances.

As planned, the satellite will have the longest orbit yet achieved by an artificial moon of the earth.

It will range from 150 miles in altitude out to about 50,000 miles.—U.P.I.

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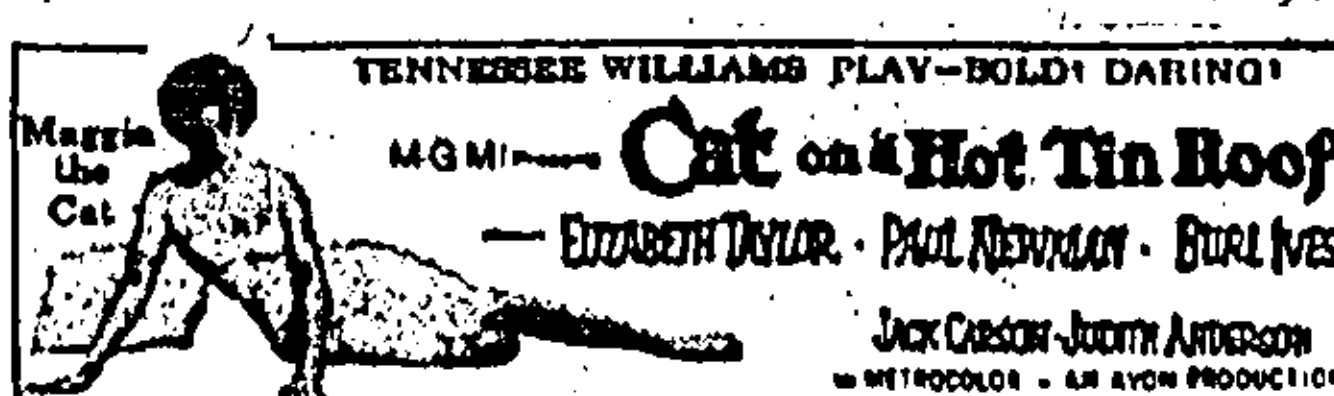
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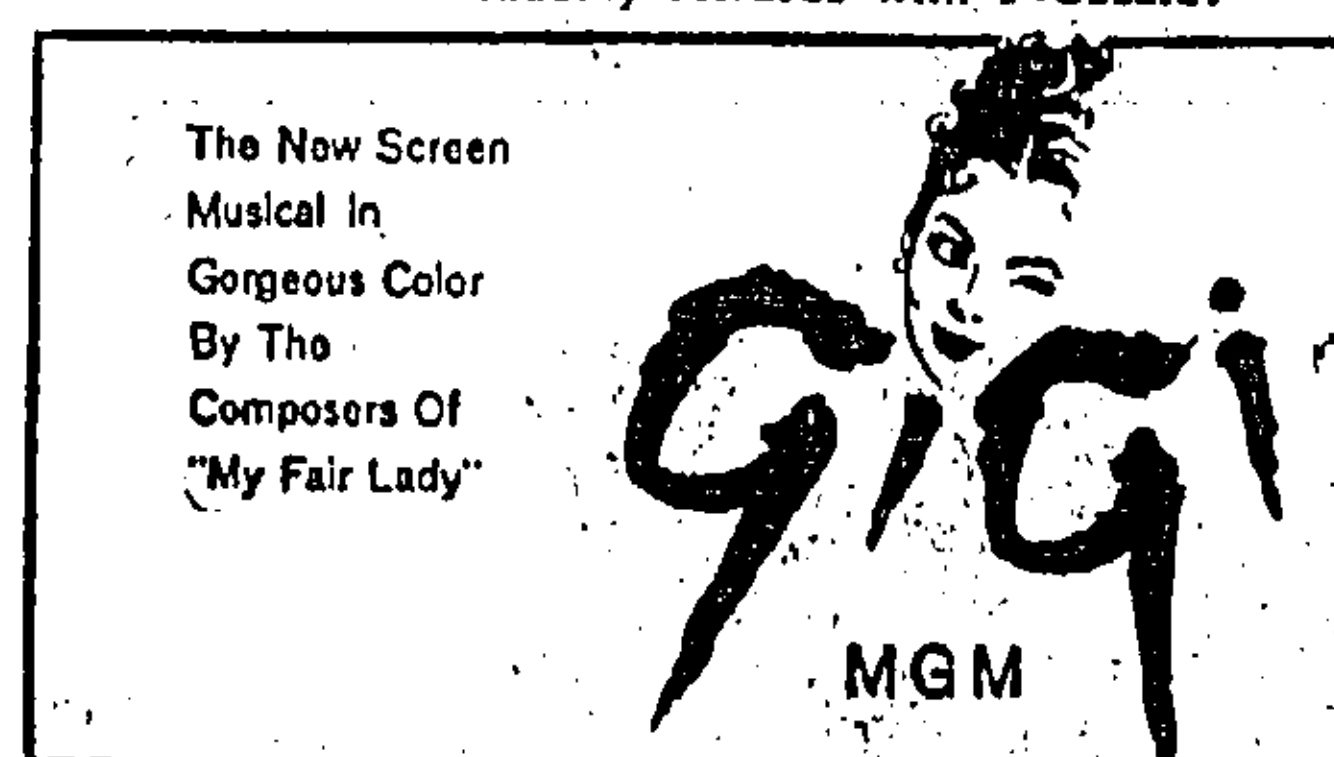
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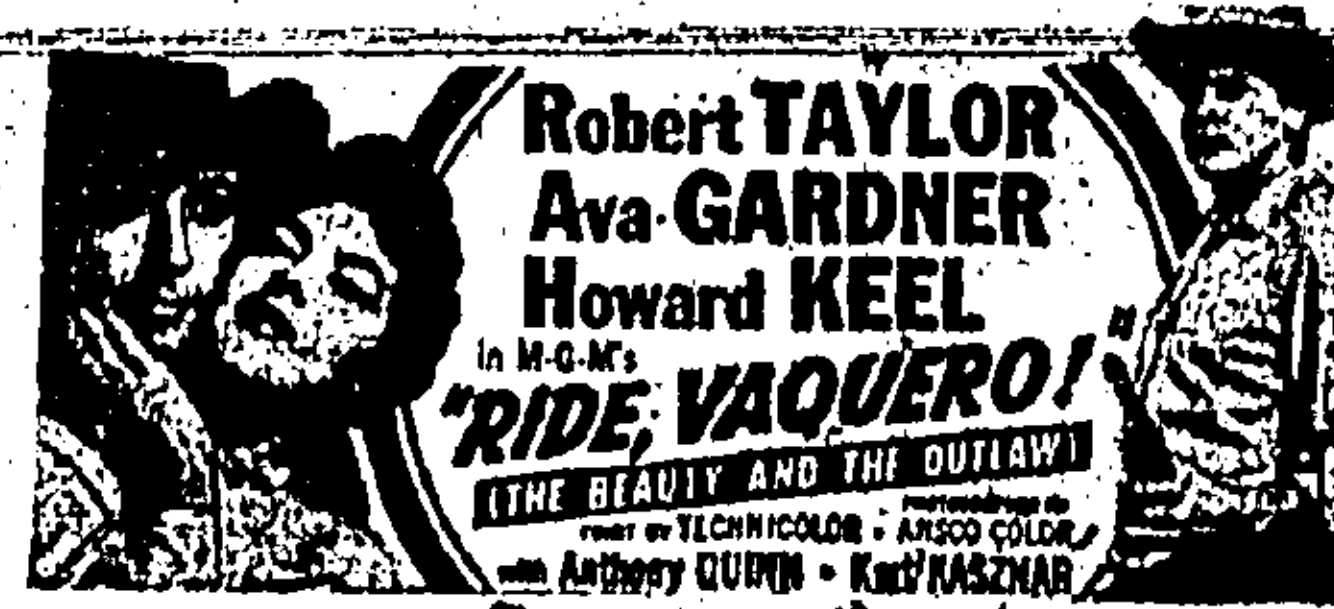
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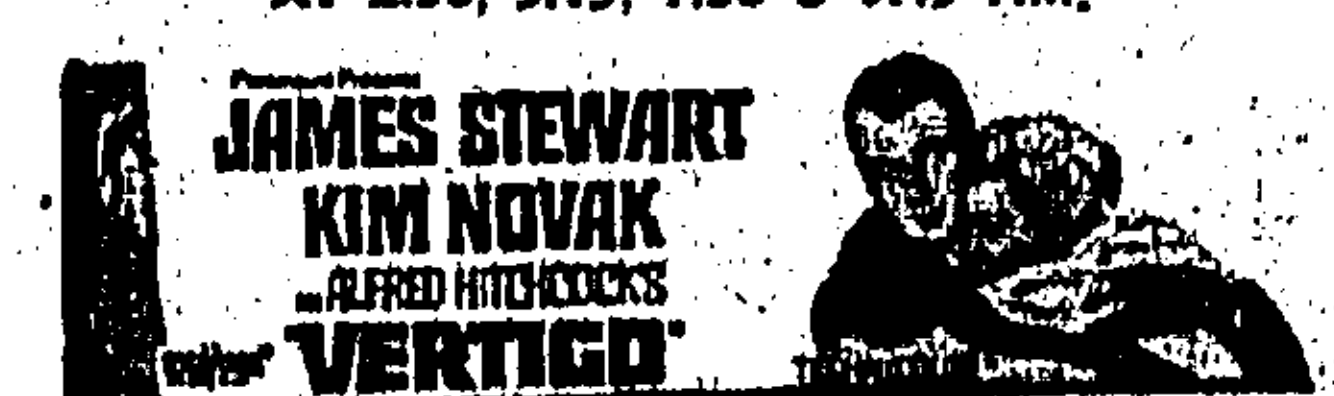
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Next Change: ALEC GUINNESS in
"THE HORSE'S MOUTH"

CHINA'S STEEL BOOM GOES ON

COMMUNIST CHINA'S great leap forward in steel production is still maintaining its momentum and indications at the close of the first quarter of 1959 are that she will overfulfill her target for 18 million tons of steel this year.

This will mean that she will outstrip France to become the fifth greatest steel producer in the world—after the United States, the Soviet Union, Germany and Great Britain. Indeed, she will be hard on the heels of Britain when she has moved to overtake industrially. Britain's production was just under 20 million tons last year and is expected to be about the same this year. Chinese Vice Premier Li Fuchun has already declared in a special broadcast to the nation in March that the target figure is "certain" to be reached.

Optimistic

His optimistic appraisal is supported by first quarter reports now pouring into Peking from steel plants all over China, indicating that many of them are ahead of their production schedules. Some are reported to be as much as a month ahead. Since steel is the key to all other plans for industrialization, the ability of the Communists to increase its production is a matter of major importance. For example, both machine tools production and railway development in China were held up last year because of a shortage of steel. The significance of the Chinese achievement of course,

does not end with the borders of China. Every additional ton of steel produced by China will not only increase her industrial potential, but will also add to her prestige among the underdeveloped nations of the world. When China's steel production jumped from 5.3 million tons in 1957 to 11 million tons last year, the Communists were quick to point out that it took the United States seven years, Germany eight years, Japan 20

by Andrew McGee

years and Britain 32 years to make a comparable increase. As it is, Chinese methods of steel production are already attracting attention. Last month, India sent a delegation to China under the leadership of Mr. N. S. Raghupathi, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel, to study the working of small blast furnaces with a view to exporting whether these can be adapted to Indian conditions. There is yet another implication. Last year, the entire Szechuan area was affected by the

penetration of cheap Chinese goods into their markets. The increase in steel output this year will mean more steel for more machines to produce more cheap goods for their trade offensive. Although the 18 million-ton target appears very compared with the American production of over 100 million tons, it must be remembered that none of the Chinese steel is being used on winning machines, electric turbines and all the other apparatuses of the American way of life.

Priority

Indeed, allocations for steel are made only for the most essential of purposes and much of the output goes back into capital developments like the manufacture of steel rolling machinery. That is likely to be the state of affairs for many years to come.

Meanwhile, top priority is being given to expanding the steel industry further. Steel complexes are being built all over China, notably at Paochow, at cost of between £50 million and £100 million each. Steel workers are being trained in the hundreds of thousands. At Anshan alone, 100,000 new steel workers expect to be trained this year.

Ludicrous

To those who live in the non-Communist world, shouted slogans and "evolutionary" might appear to be perfect ingredients for a bad comic opera. But in China they are achieving results. A decade ago, the suggestion of China ever producing her own trucks and tractors would

have been a ludicrous idea that the Chinese would have been the first to laugh at it. But today, China-made trucks are on sale in the markets of Southeast Asia and the target for tractor production stands at 200,000 this year.

What is needed now to meet this Communist challenge is for the West to come up with a plan which would secure for non-Communist Asian countries as rapid a rate of industrial growth without having to subject them to the rigours of totalitarian regimes.

Will Ike still be President when it is Summit-time?

WASHINGTON

by ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

AS President Eisenhower set out for the holiday his doctors told him he should take, one thought was burning in the minds of those he left behind in Washington: "Will Ike still be President by the time the Summit takes place?"

The question is not an idle one when it is remembered that just a few weeks' extra work caused by the illness of Secretary of State Dulles has brought on this latest shade of tiredness.

It may be that his present rest will put him right. But what if it doesn't?

What if Eisenhower's persistent heart and stomach trouble becomes too much and in the next three months he has to resign the Presidency?

Vice-President Nixon, who would, of course, automatically become President, would then represent America at the Summit. And even if Eisenhower were not ill enough to resign but too ill to take part in a conference with Khrushchev it would still be Nixon who would take his place.

Is that a prospect to chill or stir the hearts of the Allies? No wonder that Nixon today becomes so intriguing a figure.

On him can evolve a share in some of the West's most vital moves and decisions since the Second World War.

But how well fitted is he for so immense a responsibility? Would Nixon go to the Summit with enthusiasm or with a heart filled with doubt? What line would he take when he got there?

Be sure these are questions being weighed today in Moscow as well as the capitals of the West.

Answer

One answer is certain. No one among America's leaders today would be ready to render Richard Nixon to come face to face with the Soviet Premier, Khrushchev.

For Nixon believes as strongly as does Macmillan that Khrushchev speaks for Russia. And that only when the West gets round a table with him can it hope to achieve discussions of real worth. It could be that Nixon was kept out of the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks here last month for that very reason.

Macmillan and Nixon ... left out of the talks, Nixon arranged a tea-party.



the British delegation because he had other State work. But that did not stop Nixon getting together with Macmillan. Far from it. He organized a tea-party to which he invited a group of America's most influential Congressmen. And when Macmillan joined them he spoke with a freedom and vigour that made the gathering one of the most significant and valuable of his visit.

Squashed

It was there that Macmillan squashed with finality any idea that he intended going to the Summit in a mood of appeasement.

His words made a tremendous impact on the leaders of both the Republican and Democrat parties who heard him. That could prove of incalculable value in keeping Britain and America firmly together in critical months ahead.

It was Richard Nixon who made the occasion possible. Are there other reasons why Nixon would keenly seize the chance of speaking for America to other world leaders?

Naturally, it would be a splendid prize if he were to bring home a Summit success a few months before he hoped to stand in the 1960 presidential election.

It would make Nixon out to be a poorer politician than he is to suggest that he hasn't thought about that. Any man of ambition who felt he had come to grips with Khrushchev would want nothing more than a chance of four years as President to help set the seal on warmer international relations.

His flair

But there is more to Nixon's Summit enthusiasm than that. He believes the Ike-Dulles attitude to Russia has been too rigid in the past. Not that he thinks any more than Macmillan that the West should turn soft. But Nixon has a flair for sensing the mood of the people, say what would have been his "dites" claim "he is a showman. They say that when Nixon takes his wife and children on holiday and books

them into a roadside motel it is not because he likes being among the ordinary folk of America but because he likes to think of the votes he can win from them at the next poll.

Even if that is true, it is still a fact that Nixon gets out and about. Not for him the week-end dash to a country hideout, with security men at the gate. Nixon mixes, talks to anyone who will talk with him—and few can resist his winning ways.

Out of this he has formed a conviction that among the people of America there is a desire unknown to politicians who stay remote in Washington—a desire that nothing should stop the world's leaders getting together if it holds any chance of them producing a strong peace.

How different a picture this presents from the Nixon of a few years ago.

Then it was Nixon the brash, black-haired paladin of rabid anti-Communism.

Today it is Nixon the middle-aged politician of astute perception.

How assiduously Nixon has worked to build the changed image around himself.

Few friends

To some, Nixon is an enigma. He has a legion of acquaintances, but few close friends. What Nixon really believes is constantly a debating point among pundits in Washington.

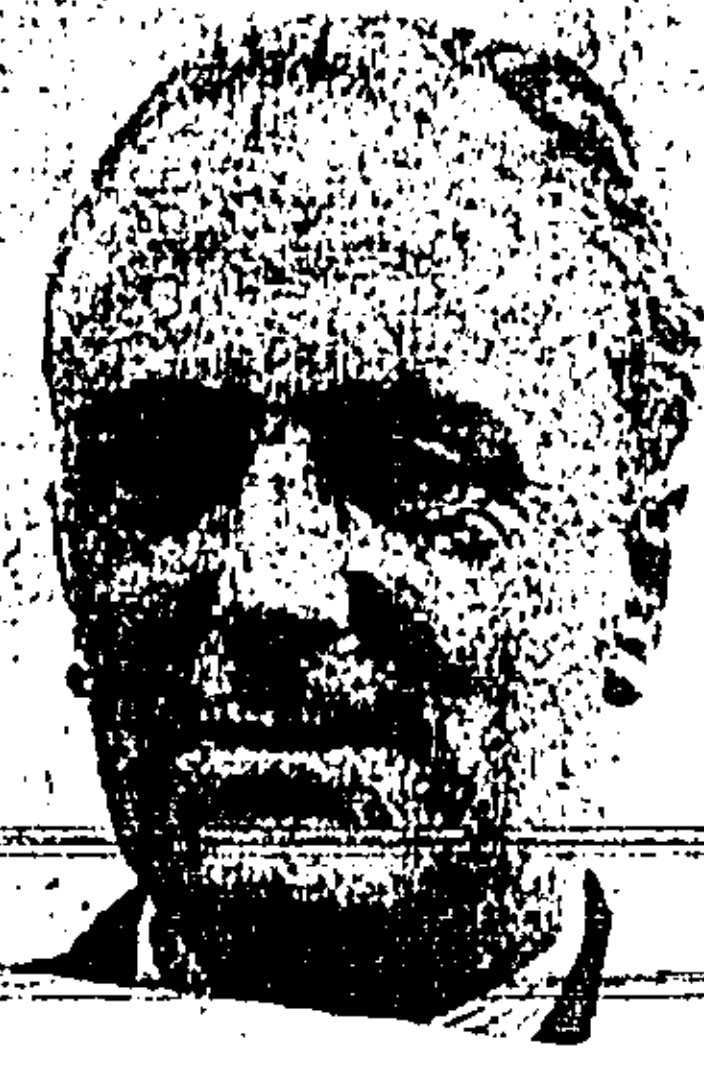
Many people find it impossible to accept the Nixon the opportunist does not still remain beneath the surface of the new apparently thoughtful Nixon.

It could be that Richard Milhous Nixon is playing for the biggest prize of all. To be marked one day, not just as a U.S. politician, but as a World Statesman speaking with unchallengeable authority for all America.

It is a measure of the hope that the West should turn soft. But Nixon has a flair for sensing the mood of the people, say what would have been his "dites" claim "he is a showman. They say that when Nixon takes his wife and children on holiday and books

No, I am not a Catholic! But I am excited by this amazing Pope!

By René MacColl



Vatican City.

A 77-YEAR-OLD man of peasant stock, with a plump face, a penetrating eye, and a merry smile, is busily conducting a tremendous transformation in the Papacy, which is bound to affect not only the 460 million Roman Catholics throughout the world but perhaps members of other Christian denominations also.

When Angelo Cardinal Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, was elected to the papal throne last autumn there were not wanting observers who, noting his age, wrote him off as a "transition Pope."

This judgment was confounded almost from the first hour that Pope John XXIII took up his exalted office. Already this friendly, approachable, and intensely energetic man has wrought a transformation in the atmosphere of the Vatican; has left the Vatican premises more often in four brief months than his predecessor did in 20 years; and by his warmth, informality, and humanity has succeeded in giving to the watching world an entirely new concept of his unique office.

For, to an extent undreamed of in modern times, Pope John achieves the common touch while not surrendering anything of serenity and dignity. Here is a revealing little incident so much in character. Last week the customary crowd had gathered in the Piazza Square waiting for the Pope to appear at the window of his apartment, recite the "Angelus," and then bestow his blessing.

But almost as soon as he started to recite the prayer the loudspeaker broke down.

Smiles

At this, Pope John was seen to laugh for a moment, to point ruefully at the erring microphone, to shrug to the crowd and then, resuming a grave demeanour, to continue with the prayer. Although none but a handful could now catch his words they knelt there in reverent silence.

Here in Rome—full of sunshine and the marmurous mystery of springtime—Pope John was up as usual at five a.m. to say the first Mass of the day in his private chapel.

Then he breakfasted and studied State documents until eight, when he said another Mass. Next, two hours of official receptions, of cardinals of the Curia and other high officials. Then at 10 the special audiences began.

At luncheon Pope John had guests. This is a departure from previous custom, for Pope Plus always ate alone.

But Pope John has said: "I can find nothing in the Scriptures which ordains that I should eat in solitude," and accordingly he likes to have company, sometimes his secretary and housekeeper, sometimes more formal guests.

"A good table and a good cellar are great assets," says the Pope, and he takes a glass of wine with his meal and enjoys the polenta and game dishes cooked for him by Sister Paolo and Sister Rosa of the Order of the Poor Sisters of Bergamo, who are in charge of the kitchens at the Apostolic Palace.

After lunch the Pope had an hour or so for rest and meditation. Afterwards he tackled more paper work.

Normally his bed-time is at 10 p.m. but sometimes it is midnight—and occasionally, if matters of great moment are afoot, he stays up working all night.

On such exceptional nights the Pope will summon other Vatican officials until midnight. "But after midnight," he has laid it down, "while I may go on working, others must get their sleep."

This bustling, hard-working, and charming Pope set out to establish a new pattern of work, of conduct, and, above all, of relations with the rest of the world as soon as he could.

He knew, as did the other cardinals, that during the last years of his life Pope Plus XII, because of ill-health, became more and more isolated and seemingly aloof.

Changes

Visiting bishops found it ever harder to see him. To a great extent the Apostolic household was run by the German nuns, Sister Pasqualino Lehner.

Absolutely devoted to Pope Plus, her influence grew until it was Sister Pasqualino who sometimes even ruled on whom the Pope should receive. Early on the morning after his election last year Pope John did two things which heralded a change: He sent for Sister Pasqualino, thanked her for

faithful services, and gently indicated that her Vatican days were over.

Next he summoned the editor of the *Osservatore Romano*, Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre, whose paper is the official Vatican mouthpiece.

To the count, the Pope remarked that from then on flowery descriptions of the Pontiff were out. Pope John did not want to see himself described in such terms as "Most illustrious sovereign" but simply as "the Pope."

Then came the series of remarkable breaks with precedent which were to

fascinate and eagerly please Roman Catholics everywhere.

Most of you probably remember his visit to the inmates of a Roman gaol.

Apart from all this, what so far has the new Pope achieved in high policy, in the direction of affairs over his huge and growing flock throughout the world?

He has, it seems plain, started to move Roman Catholicism out of party politics in various European countries, especially in Italy.

But the really big news, and it may affect all of you in Britain, whether you are

Roman Catholic or not, is the Pope's decision to convene an Ecumenical Council, this year—only the 21st ever to be held in the entire history of the Roman Catholic Church.

For the main object of the Council will be to discuss the union of the Roman Catholic Church with other Christian communities everywhere.

A Papal Bull (message), defining the ways in which this tremendous objective might be achieved, is expected soon. The obstacles in the way of this are enormous—some would dismiss it as a noble dream.

Challenge

And yet, faith can move mountains. And Pope John XXIII, the descendant of peasants who has risen to the throne of St Peter, possesses, above all, faith.

So here in Rome, where the towers loomed "Tiber sweeps through the eternally lovely city, there is, on this spring day, a sense of excitement. A realisation of new challenges to the minds of men of good will elsewhere.

—(London Express Service).



WOMANSENSE



Husky Appetites Enjoy An Arizona Steak Fry

WHETHER it's sirloin steak or beefburgers, the cook-out is a "steak-fry" in Arizona.

As their special picnic treat on an all-day trip to their 30-section cattle-grazing ranch, which is an hour's drive from Safford, Arizona, the Samuel Clardige family prefers skillet beefburgers.

Favourite Picnic Spot

Recently they had thirty guests for a day of fun at their favourite picnic spot, where a mountain creek flows its sheer rock canyon walls to widen into a flat, tree-shaded area with a nearby spring.

Food supplies, picnic equipment, including chairs, were carried in a pick-up truck. The

Western Fried Potatoes: Peel and slice 5 lbs. white potatoes. Melt 2 c. shortening in a Dutch oven over coal until hot. Put in potatoes, 2 c. chopped onion, 1 tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper. Add 1 c. water. Cook 10-15 min., stirring often. For softer potatoes, use ¾ c. water.

Ranch Salad: Cut 1 large head cleaned, crisp lettuce into bite-sized pieces. Arrange in large shallow bowl. Cut tomatoes into small wedges. Arrange in a ring around edge of bowl. Peel and slice 3 hard-cooked eggs and arrange in centre of salad. Border with any remaining tomato slices.

Peel and slice ½ large onion. Separate into rings and scatter over top of salad. Dust with salt and pepper. Then pour



SMALL FRY at the steak-fry! The kids line up for their share of Western-style potatoes, cooked in a Dutch oven.

men in the party put planks on saw-horses for a table, chopped wood, built a fire and started as chefs—with the help of the ladies!

The menu? Here it is:

Steak-Fry

Skillet Beefburgers: Chill Sauce: Boil: Western Fried Potatoes: Ranch Salad: Deviled Eggs with Ripe Olives: Individual Bakery Pies with Cheese: Ice Tea: Lemonade

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6.

Skillet Beefburgers: Combine 2 beaten eggs, ½ c. milk, 1½ tsp. salt, 1½ tsp. pepper and ½ tsp. dry mustard. Add 2 c. soft dehydrated bread cubes (¾ in.), ½ c. minced onion and 2 lbs. chopped beef put through grinder twice. Mix thoroughly.

Shape into thin patties using about 1½ c. for each.

Fry in enough hot fat to barely cover bottom of a large deep skillet. Turn when browned on one side. Allow about 8 min. for rare burgers, 10 min. for well-done.

Drain on absorbent paper. Serve in toasted split hamburger rolls spread lightly with butter, mixed with table mustard or chili sauce.

Gourmet Meatless Dinner

When the day is warm and appetites lag, try this refreshing easy-to-do and different dinner.

Melon and Pineapple Slices: Cheese Ravioli-on-Tost: 3-way Vegetable Platter with Green Peas, Buttered Carrots: Corn Kernels: Italian Cream Cake: Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea: Milk

Cheese Ravioli: In an electric skillet or chafing dish that can go to table, heat 1 (15 ¾ oz.) can cheese high-protein ravioli, 1 (4 oz.) can drained butter-broiled mushrooms, 10 boiled or canned artichoke hearts and 2 tsp. grated Parmesan cheese.

Serve with crusty rolls.

Trick Of The Chef

Add 1 (1 lb.) can drained beef, beans, when finishing ingredients for skillet beefburgers. It makes them go farther. Also, it adds a delightful nut-like flavour and light texture.

How Is Your Diet Progressing?

By IDA JEAN KAIN

Three weeks ago we gave you some suggestions for streamlining your figure for the swim suits you'll be wearing in the hot summer months to come.

HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THEM?

We'll bet you started out strong-mindedly enough but how long did it last? One week? Two weeks?

It's not too late to make another effort though and here is some more good advice.

ONE successful reducer reports that one line in the column set her on the right course. It was the frank question: "Why don't you try the protective plan of eating to reduce your weight?"

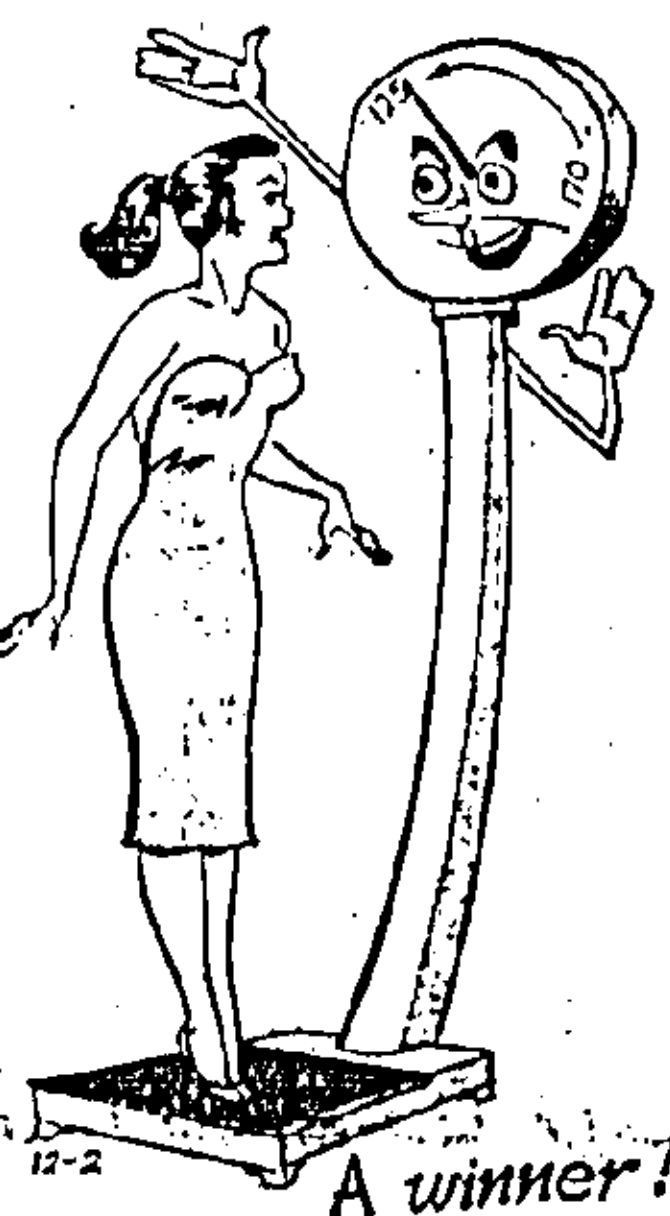
With everyone talking about diet, why are so many people overweight? The truth is, dieting is not really the solution. Diets do nothing to change your everyday ways of eating or the way you think about food, and they therefore ignore the real issue—weight control. When you reduce with the protective plan, you have a healthy hold on the food habits that enable you to keep the pounds off.

THE PROBLEM

Since so many overweights tip the scales at 170 pounds, the classic example of the two friends, each weighing 170 pounds, who started to reduce together bears repeating. One overweight followed a faddy type diet which promised fast reducing. The other decided in favour of the protective pattern. A year later the reducer who had followed the scientific diet planned around the protective foods had not only reduced to her right weight of 125 pounds, but had kept the pounds off. Her friend still weighed 170 pounds, despite repeated attempts at reducing. Faddy diets invariably fail. Even when you lose on them, the pounds come back on, usually with compound interest.

The hardest part of my job as a dietitian is trying to sell you on the idea that you can eat to lose weight, and that reducing need not take all the fun out of eating.

By applying the brilliant advances in nutrition science to everyday eating, all of us can live the "pleasant life" in a low calorie fare. You can lose one to two pounds a week with-



A winner!

out going hungry, feeling tired or edgy. Most amazing is the amount of food you can eat while reducing.

THE SOLUTION

Here's the pattern. Build each meal around a high value protein—have daily: 1 cup of skim milk, butter-milk or liquid non-fat dry milk; an egg, a serving of cottage cheese or a second egg; a generous serving of lean meat, fish or fowl. These protein foods form the backbone of the menu. Trim fats sharply. Vegetables and fruits: 4 servings daily. Include one dark green leafy or deep yellow vegetables and one citrus fruit, plus a second fruit. Some starch is needed in the scientific pattern. Take it in your favoured food, potatoes or bread. Restrict starch to one at a meal. By having a limited amount of bread or potato or other starchy food, plus vegetables, fruit, and milk, the "pleasant life" is yours, which is just what you want. Happy slimming!

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

BORN today you have initiative, an abundance of new ideas and the determination to carry them through to a successful conclusion. Since there is a dogged persistence in your nature, temporary setbacks only act as a further incentive for you to work all the harder. You have the makings of a good executive, provided you assert yourself a little more. You are inclined to be a little more.

You have an idea that an ideal is worth defending, personally, but you have little right to enforce it upon others. If the project is sound, it will eventually become accepted, and you are quite willing to wait. This is fine, philosophical way to look at things, but there are times

when you could afford to be a little more pushing. Although the stars have given you a great deal of talent and an inner force, you sometimes do not take full advantage of opportunities when offered. But your talents and that inner force to work for you.

Among those born on this date are: Sir John Gielgud, actor; Arnold Joseph Toynbee, historian; James Branch Cabell, author; Joel Russell, theologian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

AIRIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A fine time for going after that job you want. Let influential friends say a good word for you.

PAULUS (Apr. 21)—Be adventuresome today. Do something new and exciting. It can pep up your spirit.

GEORGE (May 21-June 20)—A splendid day for all your efforts. So go out after that you covet and want and get it.

CANCER (June 21-July 20)—A business trip could implement a change for the better, especially in your life.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 20)—This is not the time for you to be extravagant. Be thrifty and you will be glad later on.

SCORPIO (Aug. 21-Sept. 20)—If your business is that of selling some product, write a good sales letter and step up customer response.

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 20)—Discuss the pros and cons of all matters involving business and family interests. Delay decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 20)—Legal matters can prove persistent, but common sense and calm attitude will win.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 20)—If you made the right decision yesterday, all should be clear sailing today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—You may take a business risk today on the winning side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A pleasant trip could turn into a business asset as well. Important persons further your aims.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Introduce a new idea and anticipate that you will get a good response from the public.

DON'T BE A SLAVE

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

"MAMA, Mama, an hour the child did fall asleep."

The mother kindly went to the child's bedside.

"I want a drink," said the youngster.

She was given a drink, tenderly kissed and tucked in again. The mother went back to what she was doing.

FAMILIAR CALL

A few minutes later the familiar call came again, and again the mother went to the child. This time she heard "I'm hungry."

The mother got the youngster something to eat and tucked her in with "Now go to sleep, my dear."

"Yes, Mama," the youngster dutifully replied.

Back again to the living room went the mother, hoping she would hear no more from the child.

There was no sound for nearly five minutes. Then the youngster called in a sleepy voice, and the mother went, a bit vexed.

WANTED A KISS

But when the child said, "I want another kiss," her heart swelled and there was no rebuke.

There were still more calls, but after a total period of about

an hour the child did fall asleep.

With some children, this bedtime practice continues till the age of five or six. I know of one child who, at eight, is still doing it night after night.

As the lot grows older, he invents new winks for his mother or father to fill for him following bedtime. Just to think out new excuses may keep the child wakeful a long while. And when all other "reasons" wear-out, "I want to go to the toilet" proves successful.

Obviously this problem can become more exasperating when there's company, especially if a game must be held up all the child's whims are catered to. Besides the mother's extra work and annoyance is the child's loss of sleep and continued dependence.

WHAT TO DO

If you have this problem, go through all the usual ritual as you put the child to bed. Then ask him if he can think of anything more, reminding him that when you leave, you are not coming back unless there is a real emergency. Then go and keep your word.

When this advice was given at a parents' forum, a certain mother of a child, 4, said: "I know it won't work. I tried it twenty times only last night."

JACOBY on BRIDGE

ONE of the best features of "Bridge Is a Partnership Game" is the chapter called, "Roth-Stone Isms."

Many of these "isms" apply to any system and are plain common sense.

One is that some hands require one-sided action and that too much science is for the birds.

Consider the South hand. You open one spade, and partner passes. Before you can jump out the window fourth hand

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass

You, South, hold: ♠K5 ♥AKQJ987 ♦AK5 ♣4

What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. This is an ideal hand with which to ask for ace.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids five hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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♥10862		
♦Q1042		
WEST		
♠10972		
♥KJ92		
♦K543		
♣5		
EAST		
♠84		
♥AQ86		
♦QJ9		
♣K763		
SOUTH (D)		
♠AKQJ65		
♥10		
♦A7		
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South West North East		
1♠ Pass 2♥ Double		
4♠ Double Pass		
Pass		
Opening lead—4♠		

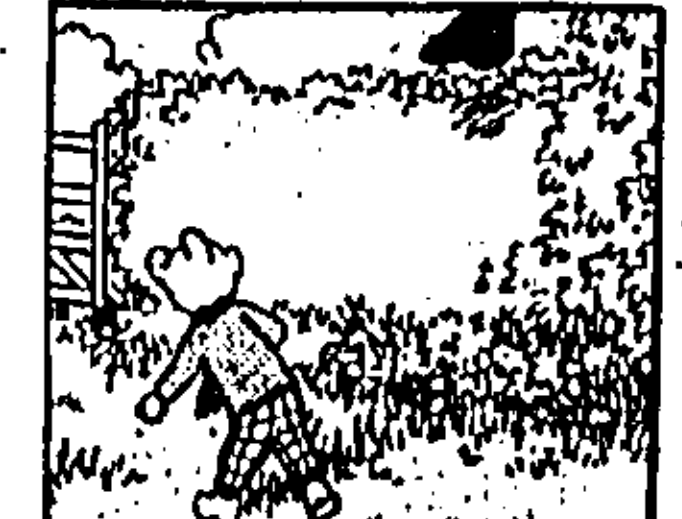
reopens the bidding with a double. What should you do?

They recommend that you jump right to four spades and add my hearty "amen." Maybe you won't make four spades but there are so many possibilities for success that you ought to try for it. Even if your partner has an absolute blank, a club lead may give you the hand.

Also, four spades will crowd the bidding and your opponents won't know what to do.

In the actual hand West doubled and opened his singleton club. To be sure, he held the South hand went up with dummy's queen and East made the mistake of covering with the king, whereupon Stone made an overtrick.

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—32



Instead of going through the farm gate the black figure ahead seems to plunge through the hedge and Rupert runs after it. Just as he reaches the spot he ducks as something black flies over the hedge. But this time it is not the Blunderpuss. It is a shabby old hat.

and Rupert picks it up. There is no name in it and hearing voices he climbs the gate. "Get it, I want it," cries a husky, angry voice. "Be off and leave me be!" "Why surely that's Gaffer, large speaking," whispers Rupert.

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Actress JOAN COLLINS is the model and the outfit, believe it or not, was made for lounging.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The New Maple Tree

—Christopher Cricket's Friends Get New Home—

By MAX TRELL

"VERY sad," Christopher Cricket was saying, "very sad, very sad."

Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children, with their heads bowed, were on the other side of the room. They looked around to see Christopher Cricket sitting on the edge of a loose brick in the fireplace.

"Very sad," he said again as he noticed Knarf and Hanid coming over to him.

Sad News

"What are you talking about, Christopher?" Hanid said. "What's so sad?"

"About that tree," said Christopher. "About that old maple tree at the end of the block on the other side of the street."

"What about that tree?" asked Knarf, who didn't see

what old Christopher had to be so sad about.

"They chopped it down," said Christopher. "It's gone. It's not growing there any more. It's just a stump."

"Oh dear," said Hanid. "I'm sorry to hear about that."

Knarf wanted to know why the maple tree was chopped down.

Used For Fire

"Well," said Christopher, "I don't know exactly. Maybe somebody needed the wood to build a house with. Maybe the wood was going to be saved up into little pieces and put into a fire to keep somebody warm. Just the same," he added, "everybody in the neighbourhood is sad about it."

Hanid wanted to know more about this.

Born In The Tree

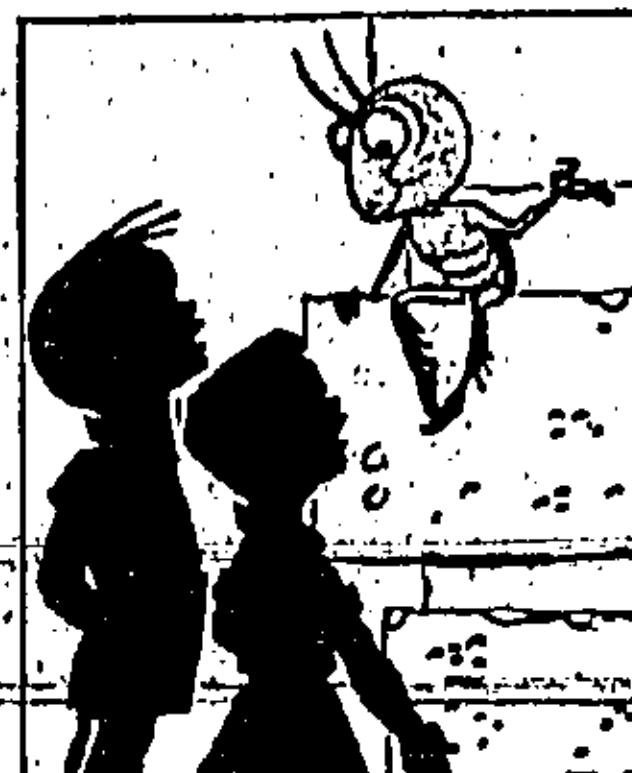
"It's like having an old friend go away," said Christopher. "I was talking to one of the Sparrows. He told me how much he liked that old maple. He said he was born in it."

"Born in it?" exclaimed Knarf.

"Oh, yes," said Christopher. "Lots of the folks in this neighbourhood were born in that tree. Sparrow was born in it, Squirrel was born in it, and about fifty Caterpillars were."

"There's lots more trees," said Knarf.

"Yes, I suppose so," said Christopher, nodding his head. "But it's not the same, and it's not the same. Squirrels were born in it of course but it looks shabby. And now Sparrows and Squirrels were born in it before the tree was cut. Yes, yes, everything used to be that old maple tree. It's not going to be any more. It's fine and dandy again."



Knarf and Hanid listen to Christopher Cricket.

for anybody to start getting used to any other kind of tree."

It was at this moment that they all heard a noise outside in the street. They all went to the window. Pressing their faces against the glass, they saw a strange thing happening.

"Look," said Hanid, "a whole crowd of men are digging the stump of the old maple tree out of the ground! They're taking it away!"

"That's what they are," said Christopher. "But are they going to leave that big hole in the ground?"

"No!" shouted Knarf. "Here comes a big truck with another maple tree on it! They're going to plant it just where the old one stood!"

That's exactly what happened, too.

"Fine! Everything's fine!" Christopher reported the next day.

"The new tree's every bit as good as the old one. Robin and Sparrow and Squirrel weren't born in it of course but it looks shabby. And now Sparrows and Squirrels were born in it before the tree was cut. Yes, yes, everything used to be that old maple tree. It's not going to be any more. It's fine and dandy again."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Peggy will never make Jim a good wife, because she's too busy trying to make him a good husband!"

Fans Can Solve Swansea's Problems

AND GIVE WALES A TOP-FLIGHT CLUB

By TOM FINNEY

(Of Preston North End and England)

On a concrete support in the main stand at Vetch Field, Swansea, is inscribed the name "John Charles." John scratched it in wet concrete 10 years ago when he was an amateur, but to me this sums up the sad story of this most westerly of British clubs.

Swansea produces a constant flow of world-class players, yet seems doomed to stay in the lower divisions.

Her discoveries leave for other fields and the crowds trickle steadily back to the rugby grounds.

I have always considered this one of the mysteries of football. By right, Swansea should be one of the truly great clubs...

Just consider some of the players who have left the club in the post-war years.

★ TREVOR FORD, the fiery leader who left Swansea for Aston Villa and was later bought by Sunderland for £30,000 in 1950.

★ RAY DANIEL, who was also bought by Sunderland (from Arsenal) for the same fee.

★ JOHN CHARLES, snatched up by Leeds and sold to Juventus for £25,000.

★ MEL CHARLES, sold to Arsenal for the equivalent of £45,000.

★ ROY PAUL, in his day one of the finest wing-halves in Britain. Manchester City paid £25,000 for him when he was 27 and never regretted it.

★ IVOR ALLCHURCH, the "Golden Boy" whom Newcastle signed for £30,000.

★ TERRY MEDWIN who went to Spurs for—by these standards—the small fee of £18,000.

★ AND CLIFF JONES, another Spurs signing who—at £35,000—became the most expensive footballer in Britain.

Future Stars

Add these names together and you would have had a world-class attack comprising Terry Medwin, Trevor Ford, John Charles, Ivor Allchurch, and Cliff Jones, backed up by a middle-line of Roy Paul, Ray Daniel and Mel Charles.

But even the departure of this talented band didn't entirely sap the resources of this remarkable club.

There are still three internationals in the attack and a new crop of future stars have just moved up into the first team.

One name worth noting is Herb Williams. Still in his early teens, Williams is already being described as another Ivor Allchurch.

Why has Swansea become a breeding ground for other clubs? And why are its players so willing to move on?

Chief reason, I am sure, is that they have been raised in a

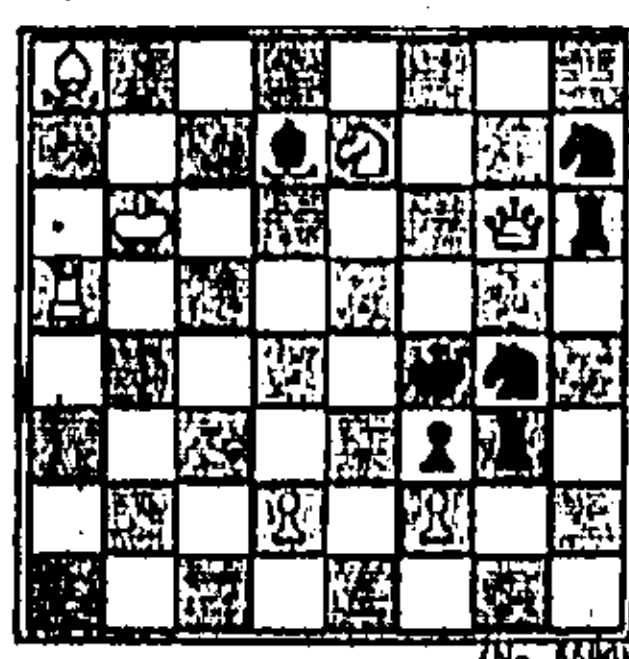
Burma wants the Junior Asian Cup soccer tournament thrown open to all under 20.

Mr. Chan Kim-tak, an executive council member of the Burma Amateur Football Federation, said here today he would propose to the Asian Football Confederation that the present "schoolboys only" rule be abolished.

Mr. Chan is taking the Burmese team to the junior cup competition, which is due to start in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.—Reuter.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by H. Knappert (Skakbladet, 1939). White to play and mate in two moves.

London Express Service.

ENGLAND'S SOCCER TEAM



Shown here are the England soccer team who defeated Scotland 1-0 at Wembley last Saturday.

Left to right they are:

Back row—Ron Clayton (Blackburn), Billy Wright (Wolves, Captain), Don Howe (West Bromwich), Eddie Hopkinson (Bolton—goalkeeper), Graham Shaw (Sheffield United), Ron Flowers (Wolves), Joe Shaw (Sheffield United—reserve).

Front row—Bryan Douglas (Blackburn), Peter Broadbent (Wolves), Bobby Charlton (Manchester United), Johnnie Haynes (Fulham), and Doug Holden (Bolton).—Reuterphoto.

Europe's Best Long-Jump Of The Season

Moscow, April 13. The Russian long-jumper Igor Terovyanov jumped 7.19 metres (23 ft 11 1/2 ins) at an athletics meeting in Yalta today, the best performance in Europe this season.

Russian student, Valery Bunel, cleared 2 metres (6 ft 6 3/4 ins) in the high jump to equal the Russian junior record.—France-Press.

OFF THE CUFF

Expect Spurs and Ireland captain DANNY BLANCHFLOWER to become a part-timer next season.

★ ★ ★
Luton are currently experimenting in a bid to solve their full-back problem before Cup Final day.

★ ★ ★
I hear that Hibernian are interested in Manchester City's transfer-listed Scottish international BOBBY JOHNSTONE.

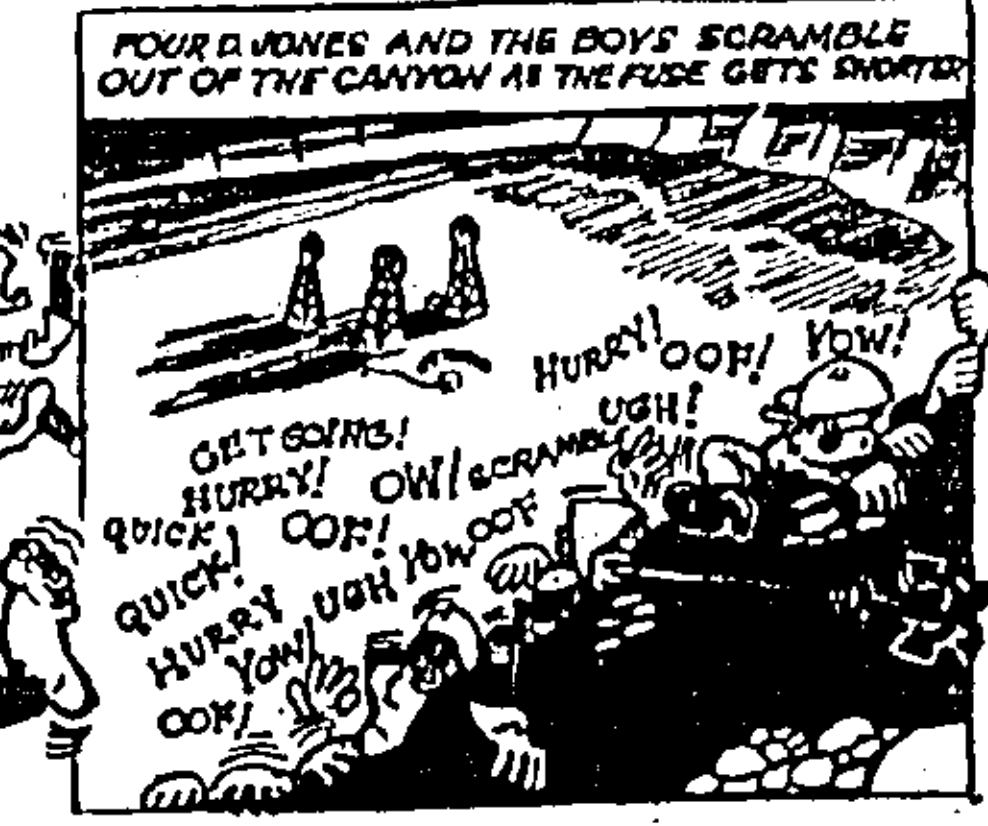
★ ★ ★
Injured Arsenal goalkeeper JACK KELSEY expects to be fit in time for Wales' close season tour.

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FOUR D. JONES

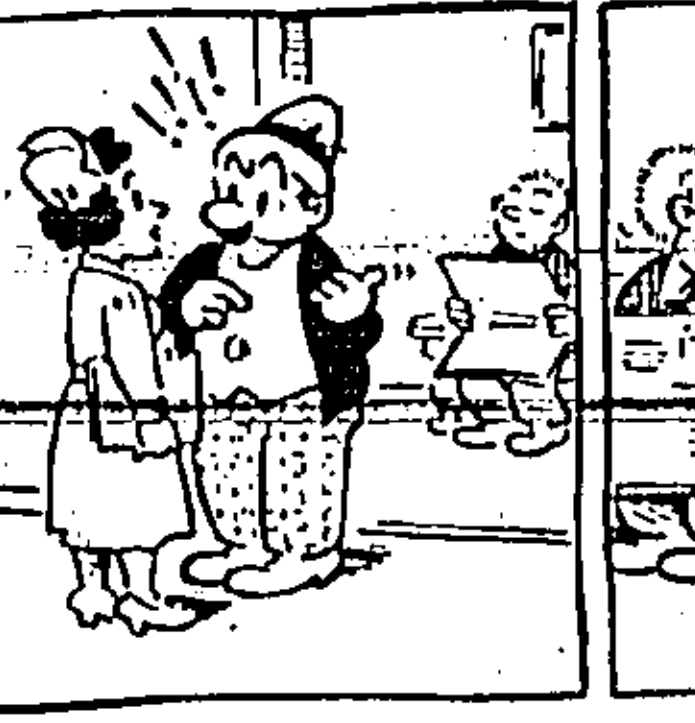
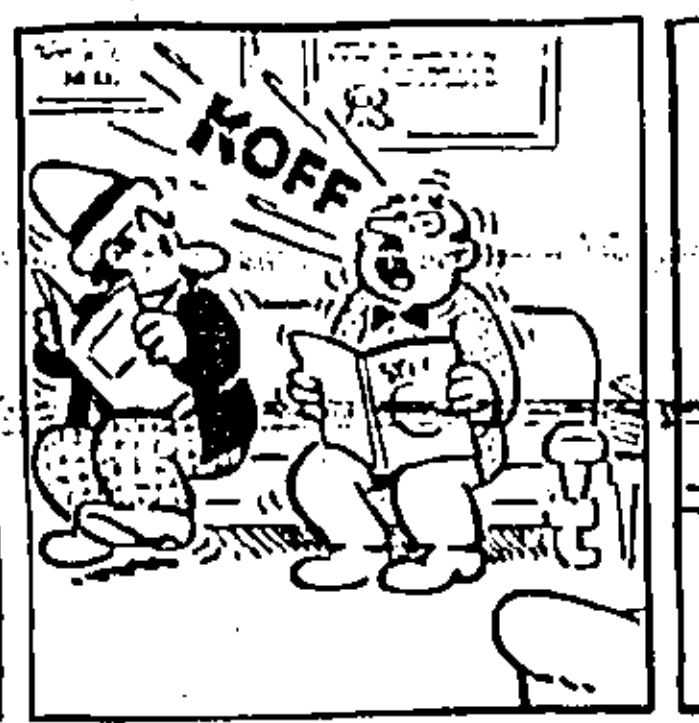


TAKE TO THE HILLS!!



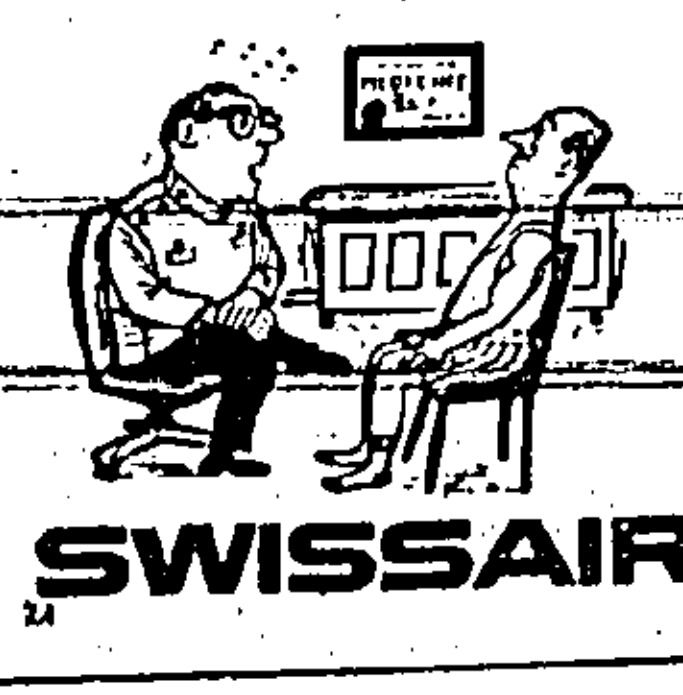
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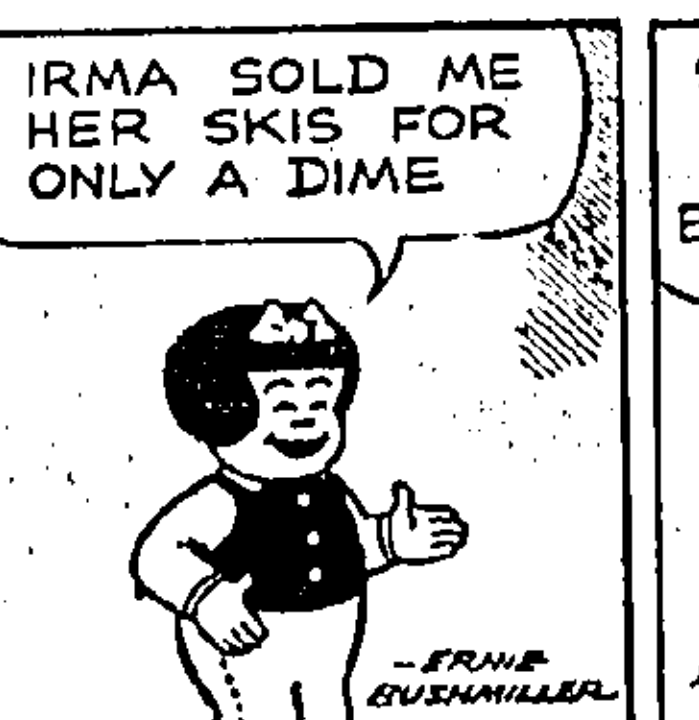


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Doctors and patients prefer

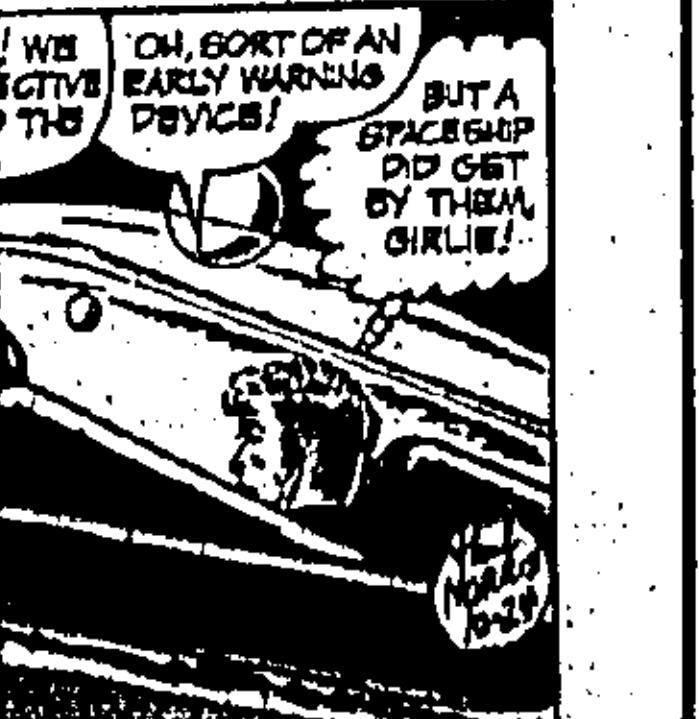
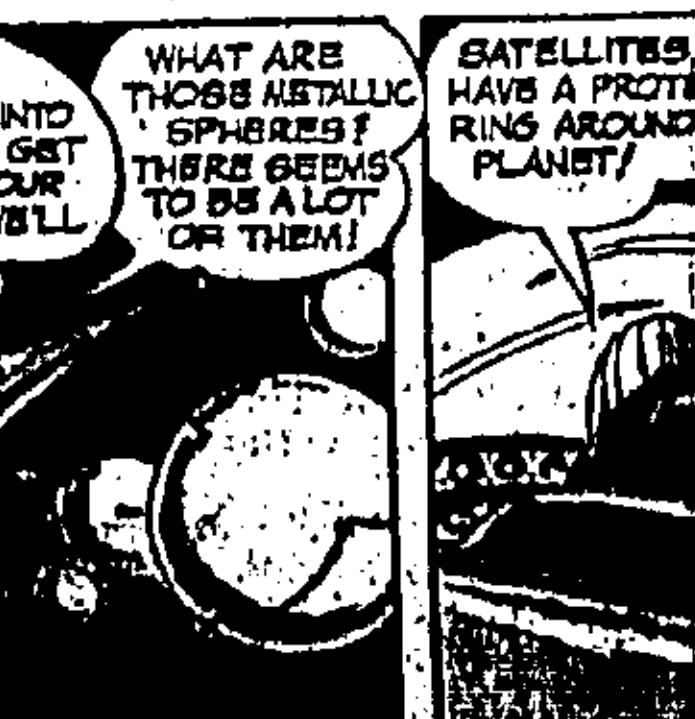


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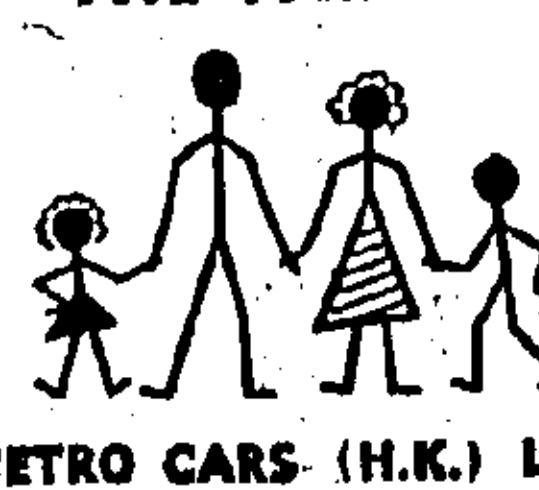
By Ernie Bushmiller

BRICK BRADFORD



By Paul Norris

AUSTIN for THE FAMILY



STIRLING MOSS AT THE CROSSROADS

By DEREK JOHN

Stirling Moss, Britain's 29-year-old champion racing driver, is at the trickiest crossroads in his career. He faces the choice of four different ways of attempting to win this season's World Grand Prix Championship.

Acknowledged by most people as the world's fastest driver, Moss is being courted by four British stables and has this choice of cars:—

★ The B.R.M. It has been thoroughly rebuilt, and Moss has recently lapped Goodwood at a record 100 m.p.h. in the machine.

★ The Vanwall. Tony Vandervell, recovered from his illness, has a new and rebuilt car which he hopes will be racing soon.

★ The Cooper. Rob Walker wants Moss to drive at least in the Grand Prix races which suit this new B.R.M.-engineered car—events with many corners and few straights.

★ The Aston Martin. David Brown has spent thousands to produce his new car and it is also available to Moss. But it still needs a lot of development.

'All Very Difficult'

Says Moss: "It is all very difficult. Rob Walker has built his cars for me, and I will certainly drive a Cooper at Monaco. But he does not ask me to drive in faster races. 'I am determined to win the world championship in a British car. Now I have to decide.'"

My bet is that Moss will decide on the B.R.M. for the more orthodox Grand Prix races. He considers that it is a championship bid, for he races the Ferrari team of drivers as the most powerful they have ever fielded.

But, above all, he is looking for reliability. Too often his racing ambitions have been thwarted by mechanical trouble, and most recently he has been shadowed by steering link—a catastrophic failure of his car's steering mechanism.

Twice within a year he has run into this frightening trouble—on both occasions when he was travelling at more than 100 miles an hour.

Narrowest Escape

At Monza, Italy, last year, his Maserati's steering column came adrift in his hands when he was high on the banking, travelling at 150 m.p.h. His car leapt into the concrete barriers at the top of the circuit, then slid down and stopped.

Stirling was shaken but unhurt. "I think that was my narrowest escape," he says.

Then, at Goodwood recently, the steering column of his 2½-litre Cooper-Climax came adrift. He hit some wattle fencing, damaging the front of his car. Again, he was unhurt.

So Moss will have more prolonged tests before deciding which car he will drive this season. But he is not over-optimistic about his world championship bid, for he races the Ferrari team of drivers as the most powerful they have ever fielded.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Film Views

Sir,—Sorry that I am unimpressed by Elizabeth Taylor's "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof". In my opinion she remains throughout the spilt young thing and never the wilful, sensual Magpie. The Cat whose love for Brick is at once rapacious, passionate and purposeful.

★ ★ ★
Paul Newman as Brick is "callow" and "unprepared" for such a searching test, and Burl Ives seems temperamental misanthrope as Big Daddy. The homosexuality theme is suppressed, and Brick's problem appears that of "immaturity" and the real trouble between father and son that of "non-communicability". There is little doubt as to where Big Daddy's affection lies, and one wonders why they take such a long time (and it certainly doesn't need the help of Big Daddy's cancer) to reach their "reconciliation". I admire even less Susan Hayward's award-winning performance in "I Want To Live!", which strikes me as shallow, specious and self-conscious. Maybe the script is partly to blame; it is difficult to be interested in the fate of a girl so immersed in sin without knowing the exact reason why she has to be so. And, at the same time, persuaded that she is incapable of a vicious murder. As an indictment of capital punishment, it doesn't make much sense; if Barbara Graham is really innocent then it is hardly a suitable case for its argument.

On the other hand, if she is guilty we don't see why she deserves more consideration or mercy than the other two murderers because she is young, attractive and female.
N. T. CHOW.

★ ★ ★
Sir,—Re your front page announcement of the engagement of Prince Albert of Belgium to Italian Princess Paola Ruffo di Calabria; as a Belgian I rejoice at this news but deplore the fact that your news item refers to our beloved Queen Astrid, the mother of Prince Albert, as Princess Astrid.

No one has yet replaced her as Queen of the Belgians.
DENISE BRADANT

Ferry Tragedy Four Drowned

London, April 13. Four people were drowned today when a car taking an elderly woman to a hospital on the Scottish mainland from Skye, the ferry boat, fell off a ferry boat into the sea. Those dead included the patient, two children, and a younger woman. The driver escaped.—U.P.I.

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Lad Admits Theft: Report To Be Made

A youth who admitted stealing four typewriters and claimed to have lost all his money gambling was remanded for seven days at Central Magistracy this morning pending a report from the probation officer.

The unemployed youth, Ho Siu-ping, 18, of no fixed address, is facing charges of office-breaking and committing a felony and simple larceny. The charges alleged that he stole three "Underwood", "Royal" and "Halden" typewriters from three different offices in the Man Yee Building between March 5 and 30.

A fourth charge alleging that he stole a "Olympia" typewriter from a house in Macdonnell Road on January 28, was taken into consideration.

Detective Sub-inspector H.L. Russell said that on the evening of March 20, the office boy of C. K. Chai, Accountants, in Man Yee Building was the last person who left the office after seeing all the windows and doors were closed.

Glass Broken

The office boy returned to the office on March 31 after the Easter Holiday and found a pane of glass had been broken. He then discovered an "Underwood" typewriter was missing.

The typewriter was found in a pawnshop in Wanchai the following day. A pawn-broker said it had been pawned by a Chinese man who had produced an identity card in the name of the defendant.

On April 10, acting on information, police arrested Ho Siu-ping at the main entrance of the Man Yee Building. He admitted the theft under caution. Sub-insp. Russell said. The stolen typewriters were all recovered from various pawnshops and identified by their owners.

The defendant had pawned the typewriters for over \$500. He said in Court this morning he had lost the money gambling.

Union Leaders' Criticism Of Shipowners

"Cheap" Hongkong crews are being used by shipowners to cut costs, the American Labour leader, Joseph E. Curran, says. Mr Curran, President of America's 40,000 member National Maritime Union, is attending a meeting to combat use of "flags of convenience."

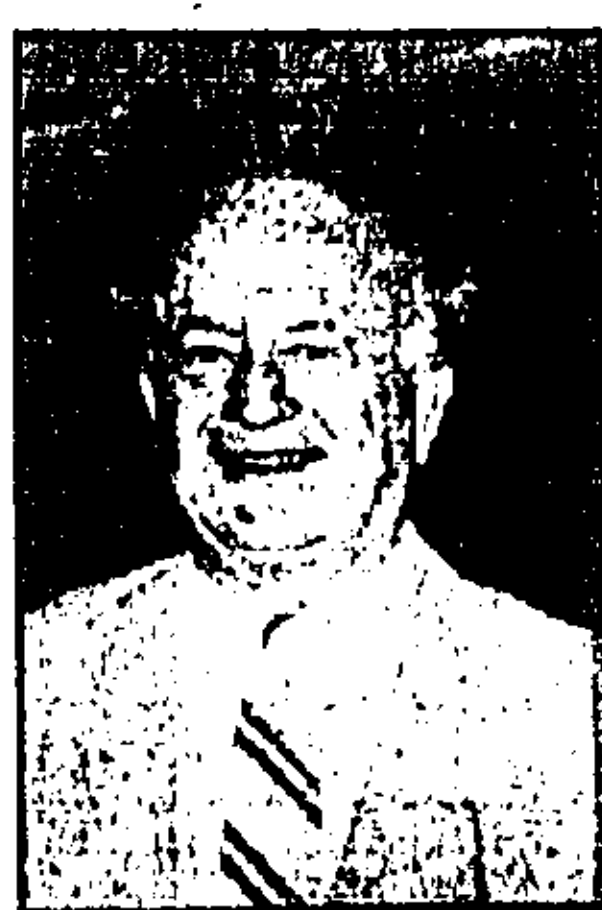
He said a "flag of convenience" meant a ship flying a flag of another country in order to escape taxation and higher

union wages in the country where its owners reside.

Referring to the growing practice of shipowners to use Hongkong and Japanese crews, Mr Curran said this was "just another" method to evade their responsibilities.

A Hongkong crewman gets about US\$30 a month, while a European would receive about \$75 and an American \$350, Mr Curran added.—U.P.I.

Attended Royal Wedding



Mr. Troendle

The Swiss Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Max Troendle, who had a brief stopover here this morning, en route from Tokyo to Zurich, by Swissair, said he and his family had slightly delayed their departure on home leave, in order that he and his wife could attend the marriage celebrations of the Crown Prince of Japan and Miss Michiko Shoda.

Mr. and Mrs. Troendle were present at two of the principal functions, which took place "in the true Japanese ceremonial tradition." — Jintar Photo.

Talks On Oil

Beirut, April 13. Lord Monckton, Chairman of the Iraq Petroleum Company, had a more than two-hour meeting today with Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassam. Baccad Radio reported.

The radio said the discussions were conducted in a cordial atmosphere.—U.P.I.

FOUR MONTHS FOR STEALING COPPER WIRE

A 20-year-old hawker and a 28-year-old fisherman were sentenced to four months' imprisonment each by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning when they admitted stealing 60 yards of twin-core copper wire at the Radar Station in Mount Davis.

Defendants were Chan Hung-ki, of 9 North Street, third floor, and Siu Ping-wah, of 1 North Street, ground floor. They had nine previous convictions each. Siu, the fisherman, was additionally sentenced to one month in gaol for being a member of the Wo Yee Tong Triad Society. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Found In Hotel
Divisional Detective Inspector W. R. J. Boxall, prosecuting, told the Court that the watchman of the Military Security Section discovered 60 yards of twin-core dynamo copper conductor missing on April 12. A report was subsequently made to the police.

Later the same day, the police received information and located the first defendant, Chan, in a hotel room in West Point.

Chan admitted the theft together with Siu and another person not in custody. He said they used a pen-knife to cut the conductor's rubber cover. As a result of information given by Chan, Siu was arrested in North Street, and the stolen property recovered from a Marine Dealer store.

Scrap Price

It was found that the stolen property had been sold for \$18.50, being the market price of scrap copper only.

Inspector Boxall added that Siu was a member of the Wo Yee Tong Triad Society, having joined it in 1952. Siu went through a formal initiation ceremony and had mixed with the triad elements since then.

Defendants were placed under police supervision for two years.

FOR SALE?



The Goat—China Mail Photo.

Nobody has yet claimed the billy goat which attacked a number of school children in Happy Valley yesterday morning. The goat was cornered by an inspector of the SPCA and is now confined in the Jockey Club Stables.

A spokesman of the SPCA said this morning that if the goat is not claimed by anybody, it would have to be sold to defray the expenses incurred in keeping the goat at the stables.

He said that a licence is required to keep a goat, and

believes somebody must have owned it, because it is quite a valuable animal. But no one has come forward yet to claim it.

Yesterday an inspector of the SPCA saw a crowd of school children at Link Road, Happy Valley. He saw a goat chasing them, trying to butt them.

The inspector roped the shaggy-haired, 80-lb animal after a struggle and later took it along to the Jockey Club Stables in Happy Valley.

Laichikok Uproar

Man Falls Into Sea, And Soldiers Are Fined \$500

Two young soldiers, who caused an uproar at Laichikok beach on Sunday afternoon, were each fined \$500 or one month in gaol when they pleaded guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner.

The soldiers, Michael Edwin Sawyer, 23, and Allan Young Wilson, 20, of 32 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, Gun Club Hill Barracks were charged with behaving in a disorderly manner to provoke a breach of the peace.

Det. Insp. F. P. M. Hunt, prosecuting said, that the defendants and others not in custody, with seven other soldiers were at the Laichikok beach on Sunday afternoon.

Two other soldiers were in a boat on the beach when the defendants and a number of other soldiers were in the water, and the remainder were on the beach.

Sawyer and Wilson, with a number of other soldiers not in custody, caught hold of a boat in which a middle-aged Chinese gentleman was sitting, fully-dressed.

They began to rock the boat and the man either fell or had to jump overboard. He was soaked from the chest down. There were nearly 30 Chinese on the beach who saw the incident, and angered, they started to set about the other Europeans on the beach.

The soldiers in the boat offshore, swam to the beach, where they too were attacked by Chinese armed with oars. Seven of the ten soldiers were injured.

Wilson, the second defendant, was injured after being struck by an oar.

When the magistrate asked them to explain their action, Sawyer had nothing to say but Wilson added, "I deserved it."

Every basement in the town had been flooded.

Messrs Kelly and Walsh's establishment had been fortified by boards and sand, and most of their stock was saved.

Messrs Cruikshank and Co's premises were broken into by the flood and notwithstanding the efforts of the employees, it was completely wrecked. By an hour or so—the counter torn down—the show cases smashed and the thick plate glass windows broken.

Their godown near Matheson and Co's office was also flooded and thousands of dollars worth of stock damaged. Messrs Hall and Holt's stock was also destroyed.

Sand three feet deep piled up at the foot of Zealand Street.

The raging torrent between the Clock Tower and the Post Office washed away a number of Chinese who were however rescued. The slope at the top of Duddell Street was like a cataract and at the junction of Ice House Lane and Battery Path, pedestrians waded waist deep in water.

Considerable damage was done at Wanchai. Three houses near the Seamen's Club were completely wrecked. A European lady, Mrs. Leslie, had a narrow escape. She heard an ominous rumbling and rushed into the street in night attire. A few minutes later the earth gave way and the three houses collapsed like a pack of cards.

In the Upper Levels, comparatively little damage was done. Garden Road was torn up and a few landings occurred.

During the 24 hours, about 7 a.m. on May 30, 24 inches of rain fell. Mr. W. St John M. Hancock estimated that the total weight of water which fell on the Colony was five and a half million tons or 1,224,945,200 gallons—about two-thirds the capacity of Typhoon Reservoir.

The above pictures appeared in the London Graphic on July 20, 1952. The top one shows the overflow of the service tank of the Typhoon Reservoir after the storm. Below is a scene in Queen's Road, showing the bystanders outside Messrs Kelly and Walsh's book shop. Most of the stock was saved by the foresight of the manager in taking these precautions.

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From the Files

25 years AGO

SINCE it was founded in 1841, Hongkong has experienced two disastrous rain storms, writes "Colonial" in "Old Hongkong." Each involved a heavy loss of life and enormous damage to property. The first occurred on May 7, 1845 and the second on May 29, 1889. Writing on the 1889 storm, Colonial said:

It started at 2 a.m. and by 11 a.m. Queen's Road was impassable. Nobody could walk to the Club or the Barracks. The huge drains became surcharged and every small lane to the Praya was transformed into a channel washed by rushing yellow water.

The rainfall between 7 a.m. and 10.20 a.m. was 5.2 inches and between 10.20 and 12.30 it was 6.4 inches, or 11.6 inches in all—more than two inches an hour.

The Peak Tramway was smashed by the rushing torrents which provoked a landslide about 100 yards higher than the point where the cars cross.

About a quarter to 12, the cars at each end were empty and stationary, when suddenly without any signal being given, the lower car began to run swiftly up the slight incline and at the same time the car at the top began to move downwards.

An investigation was at once made and it was found that an immense mass of earth had slipped down the hillside pressing the cable out and causing the movement of the cars.

The cable broke, but the emergency brakes prevented serious damage to the cars. At the Peak, eight men were killed by a flash of lightning about noon.

They were lying in a match shed, four in the top room and four below. The lightning struck the roof, penetrated the floor and killed every one of them without leaving a single external mark on their bodies.

On the following day, the rain was still falling heavily. The centre of the town was almost a complete wreck by 3 a.m. every gradient was a torrent. Shop assistants worked through the night in an endeavour to secure the stock and furnishings.

Every basement in the town had been flooded. Messrs Kelly and Walsh's establishment had been fortified by boards and sand, and most of their stock was saved.

Messrs Cruikshank and Co's premises were broken into by the flood and notwithstanding the efforts of the employees, it was completely wrecked. By an hour or so—the counter torn down—the show cases smashed and the thick plate glass windows broken.

Their godown near Matheson and Co's office was also flooded and thousands of dollars worth of stock damaged. Messrs Hall and Holt's stock was also destroyed.

Sand three feet deep piled up at the foot of Zealand Street.

The raging torrent between the Clock Tower and the Post Office washed away a number of Chinese who were however rescued. The slope at the top of Duddell Street was like a cataract and at the junction of Ice House Lane and Battery Path, pedestrians waded waist deep in water.

Considerable damage was done at Wanchai. Three houses near the Seamen's Club were completely wrecked. A European lady, Mrs. Leslie, had a narrow escape. She heard an ominous rumbling and rushed into the street in night attire. A few minutes later the earth gave way and the three houses collapsed like a pack of cards.

In the Upper Levels, comparatively little damage was done. Garden Road was torn up and a few landings occurred.

During the 24 hours, about 7 a.m. on May 30, 24 inches of rain fell. Mr. W. St John M. Hancock estimated that the total weight of water which fell on the Colony was five and a half million tons or 1,224,945,200 gallons—about two-thirds the capacity of Typhoon Reservoir.